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On This (Wednesday) Evening, no Performance.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL THEATRE.

BENEFIT OF G. W. BLAKE (of the Theatre Royal.)

On To-morrow (THURSDAY) EVENING, MARCH 29th, 1860, The performances will commence with Shakspere's Tragedy of ROMEO AND JULIET.

Romeo, - - - Mr. T. C. KING.
Mercutio, - - - - Mr. G. W. Blake.
Juliet, - - - - Miss A. Parker.

Solo on the Piccolo, by Mr. JOHN YOUNG.

To be followed by Mr. Charles Selby's Petite Comedy, entitled FREDERICK THE GREAT.

Frederick the Great, - - Mr. H. Webb.
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Countess Platzen, - - Miss Wyat.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Under the above heading, two letters appeared in the *Freeman's Journal* of the 24th instant, and inadvertizing on the following advertisement, which appeared in *Saunder's News-Letter* of the previous day:—

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The Revs. Henry C. Eade, Missionary Secretary, C. F. Maccarthy, Dublin Superintendent, and J. Rogers, Missionary, will attend both meetings, and give information respecting the Missionary Work.

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MONEY MARKET AND COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

(WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE IRISH TIMES.)

Dublin, Tuesday Evening.

The aspect of political affairs has now become more clouded than ever, and the position of England more critical in her relations with France. We must take the statement of Lord John Russell last night as well digested and considered, and it shows the little influence which England now possesses on the Continent. It, of course, had an immediate effect on the prices of Funds to-day, which fell to 94⅜ ⅛ for Consols, for cash, being ⅛ under the closing quotations of last night—they have, however, recovered during the day, and appear at the close but 3s. 9d. lower for cash, and ⅛ for account than yesterday evening. That Russia was negociating for a large loan in Paris, principally contributed to the fall, but there is no intelligence to warrant the reaction, which was probably owing to realisations.

In this market prices show a fall of ⅛—business was rather limited, but the market was steady at the quotations. Ballast Debentures were done at a slight reduction. Local Debentures not dealt in; Banking Shares were steady; Bank stock offered at a higher quotation; Hibernians steady at the last price; Nationals done at £68, a rise of 30s. over the last quoted price, and still find buyers; also buyers of Royals.

Steam Shares, without exception, are all firm to-day. Atlantics are done at £2, buyers. All City of Dublin Shares in request, and to-day there were buyers of Dundalks. In Connorree Mining Shares a large business was done at fluctuating prices, closing steady at 28s. 6d. General Mines and Mining Company of Ireland offered; buyers of Wicklow copper, which are quoted at 10s. advance; Alliance Gas are offered. It is believed that the dividend to be declared on Saturday will be the same as last. Grand Canals are steady.

In Railway and Railway Preference Shares, business was extremely limited; Great Southern Stock was on sale; Midlands were in demand, and a higher price offered; Kilkenny Stock was done at 10s. advance, and Limerick at 5s. over the last price, and rather in demand. The only Preference Shares dealt in were Cork and Bandon 5½ per cent., which were slightly better.

By Mr. Griffith's circular we find that in Scotch pig iron, in the Glasgow market, "an improved demand was experienced in the early part of the week, prices rising nearly one shilling per ton. The demand for export, however, is small; yesterday prices were lower, and a considerable business was done as low as 57s. 1½d. for mixed numbers, warrants. The shipments for the week were, 9,656 tons, against 14,981 tons in the corresponding week of 1859. The dispute with the colliers may be considered at an end, but 25 per cent. of the furnaces are still out of blast. Copper—The reduction of price by the smelters has not resulted in imparting increased firmness; transactions are not large, and a further reduction is deemed not improbable. Tin—The demand for English is steady, without change in price; common block, £136; refined, £138; foreign slightly firmer, without change in price, straights; £131 to £132; Banca, £138 to £139."

By this intelligence we find that another fall has taken place in copper, to the extent of ¼d per lb. for sheet.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.
LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE—MARCH 27.

OPENING PRICES.	
Consols Money, ...	94¼
Account, ...	94⅜
New Threes, ...	shut
3 O'CLOCK PRICES.	
Consols Money, ...	94¼
Account, ...	94¼
New Threes, ...	shut
1 P.M. PRICES.	
Consols Money	94¼
Account	94¼
New Threes	shut
2-15 P.M. PRICES.	
Consols Money, ...	94¼
Account, ...	94¼
New Threes, ...	shut
CLOSING PRICES.	
Consols Money	94¼
Account, ...	94⅜
New Threes, ...	shut

NOON SUMMARY.—Caledonians, 91 to ¼; Eastern Counties, 55; Great Western, 12 ¼; London and North Western, 98¼ 9. Lord John Russell's speech last night upon French policy, caused Consols to open flat; now steady and quiet at 94 ⅜ ¼. Shares opened heavy, and prices have declined from ¼ to ½ per cent; now steady. French heavy. Canadian lower.

ENGLISH FUNDS.

CITY, TUESDAY EVENING.—A decided effect has been produced in the Stock Exchange by the allusions of Lord John Russell to the prospect of an ultimate combination of England and other European Powers against the aggressive powers of France. At one period Consols were quoted at a decline of one-half per cent. Share markets also declined.

FUNDS AND SHARES.

Caledonians, 91½; Chester and Holyhead, 51½; Eastern Counties, 55 to ½; Edinburgh and Glasgow, 79 80; Grert Northern, 112 113; Great Northern A, 115½ 16½; Great Western, 69½ ⅝; Great Western of Canada, 12¾ 13; Great Southern and Western, 114 116; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 102¼ ½; London and North Western, 99 to ⅝; London and South Western, 92½ 2; Leeds Northern, 46½ ⅞; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 42½ 3; Midlands, 114 115; North British, 62¾ ¾; York, Newcastle, and Berwick, 94½; York and North Midland, 77½ 8. Consols were very firm, and steady at 94⅝ to ¾ all morning, and close a shade firmer, 94 11-16 13-16. There has been very little business doing. Indian Loan 104¾ ¾. Shares have been very strong, and close good at highest point. Canadians shade easier. French no change. Rentes very animated and buoyant. Rentes which opened at 68-10 closed at 68-80, being a rise of 30 centimes since yesterday.

FRENCH FUNDS.

PARIS, TUESDAY.—3-25 p.m.—The Bourse has again been excited, and prices have undergone further improvement. The last quotation of Rentes was 68-80, showing an advance of 30 centimes since yesterday.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

(*Times City Article.*)

Monday Evening.

General inactivity has prevailed to-day in all departments of business. The painful feeling as to the shamelessness of all the proceedings on the Savoy question is intense, but it is not accompanied by any apprehension of imminent difficulties.

(*Daily News' City Article.*)

Monday Evening.

The funds to-day were firm, and the tendency was rather in the direction of improvement, notwithstanding the dullness of business. Share markets were likewise firm. The principal business was in British Railway Stocks, which have again risen considerably in anticipation of the settlement. Demand for money continues active in all quarters, including the Bank of England, and no business done below 4 per cent. No operations in bullion at Bank to-day. The demand for gold for export continues slack, owing to the tightness in money market, and the recent improvement in the Continental Exchanges.

DUBLIN STOCK AND SHARE LIST—MARCH 27.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

3 per Cent. Consols ...	...	93¾
Ditto for Account, 9th April ...	...	93¾
Ditto for new Account, 9th May ...	...	93¾ ⅛
New 3 per Cent. Stock	...	93¾ ⅛
Ditto for Account, 9th April ...	...	93¾ ⅛
LOCAL DEBENTURES.		
Ballast Office Debs 4 per cent (Gov Sec.) of £92 6s 2d	...	93
BANKS.		
Hibernian	...	35
National Bank, £25 paid, ...	...	68
STEAM.		
Atlantic, limited	...	2
City of Dublin Issue of 1836	...	48½
Dundalk Steam Packet Co., limited ...	...	10½
MINES.		
Carysfort Mining Company, paid in full	...	28s 6d
Connorree limited ...	29s	28s 6d 28s
Wicklow Copper (Limited) £5 paid,	...	66½
RAILWAYS.		
Great Southern and Western Stock,	...	114½
Waterford and Kilkenny	...	14
Waterford and Limerick, ...	...	24½
PREFERENCE SHARES.		
Cork and Bandon, 6 per cent. perpetual	...	6½ ⅜

On Saturdays business commences at half-past twelve o'clock, and the Stockbrokers' offices are closed at three o'clock.

The next account day for shares will be the 31st March. Names to be furnished on or before the 30th.

PRICES OF IRISH STOCKS.

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs	Frid.	Sat.
3 per Cent. Consols.....	94¼	93⅞ ¼	93½ 94	94	94 94¼	94
Ditto for account.....	94¼		93½ 93⅝	94		94¼
3 per Cent. Reduced.....						
New 3 per Cent Stock....	93⅞		93⅝ ¾			93⅞
Ditto for account.....		93⅞	93⅝ ¾		93¼ 93⅜ ½	93⅝
Bank Stock.....						

HIGH TIDE AT DUBLIN BAR—MARCH 28.
Morning Tide, 2-8. Evening Tide, 2-32.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

No communication can receive attention unless accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for insertion, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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Constantinople	Six p.m., March 26.
America (Portland) (Q.) ...	Ten a.m., March 29.
Newfoundland (G.) ...	Ten a.m., March 31.

N.B.—Book packets for the Canadas are only forwarded by the Canadian packet. Letters, &c., for Madras and Lower Bengal Presidencies, addressed via Southampton, will, in future, be forwarded only by the Calcutta Packets of the 4th and 20th of each month.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Diary of Exhibitions, Performances, &c.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH.

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY.—Library and Museum open to visiters introduced by members on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY.—Library open daily to visiters introduced by members. Natural History Museum; closed for arrangement. School of Art on Fridays; Agricultural Museum, every day, free.
MUSEUM OF IRISH INDUSTRY, STEPHEN'S-GREEN.—Open daily, free.
CONCERT ROOM, ROTUNDO.—Kratky Baschik, the Hungarian Wizard and Musician. Doors open at Half-past Seven, to commence at Eight o'Clock.
LONG-ROOM, ROTUNDO.—Hamilton's Diorama of Italy Open this evening.

THE THEATRE.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.—No performance To-night.

The publication of the IRISH TIMES commenced yesterday morning at 4 o'clock a.m., and terminated at half past 9. The publication of the Second Edition commenced at 12 o'clock p.m., and the Third Edition at 4 o'clock, p.m.

The circulation of the IRISH TIMES for the week ending Saturday, March 24, amounted to 52,634 copies, making an average of 8,772 copies daily.

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The Irish Times.

DUBLIN, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28.

LORD JOHN RUSSELL has unexpectedly given fervid and passionate utterance to a challenge to France. While all men were questioning whether our Ministry were not wilfully blind, and performing a pleasant little comedy, like that in which Sardinia acted the vexed friend so admirably, we learn from his own lips that Lord John has not been a Machiavelli, but only a dupe. Lord Malmesbury is fully avenged. With a prophetic pencil he had marked out the inevitable future, and all he anticipated has come to pass. The bubble Treaty has burst already, and we are more likely to pour shot and shell into French vessels, in the shape of broadsides, than cotton or linen yarns. A more ominous speech was never delivered by an English Minister. From first to last, the Emperor's policy has been based upon the most unscrupulous use of means, concealed under the most honourable professions. "France wars only for an idea," but it is an *idee Napolienne*. Gradually the filmy vapour condensed and stood out clear as mountain tops. "France would "consult" the Great "Powers" as to the seizure of Savoy---that is, she would "inform" them of her acts and the reasons of them. "France would consult the popular will," but only as represented by the Municipalities, and not even these when they happen to be adverse, as at Nice. "France would give Chablais to Switzerland," but that was only "almost a promise," and though nearly 12,000 of the people of Chablais request to be united to Switzerland, we are told that "Savoy "refuses to be dismembered." The whole plot has been adroitly managed, and when all is over Lord John Russell confesses he was deceived, and endeavours to throw the responsibility on the House of Commons, because, forsooth, he informed them, from time to time, of what every newspaper had commented on.

The language of Lord John Russell is startlingly significant. In sentences whose very cadence betrays his emotion, he says, "We have ascertained that, "without coming to any concert, without any decided "course being agreed on, the Court of Berlin and the "Court of Vienna do attach the highest importance to "the neutrality of Switzerland." Already, then, England has sought new alliances with every prospect of success. Again, he says, "It is obvious to me "that the course which has been pursued has already "produced a great deal of distrust." If we want proof of this distrust, we see it in the latest intelligence from Antwerp. The Belgian Government has commenced an extension of the fortifications of that city, and every regiment will supply its contingent.

"The manner in which the bargain has been "brought forward, the tone taken by the Sardinian "Government, the expressions which it used that it "meant neither *to sell, nor exchange, nor surrender "Savoy*---that conduct has produced a great distrust "in this country, and a great distrust over Europe." Sardinia, then, is the vassal of France, and the "Honourable King" has learned his lesson of dishonour. In any complication which may arise Sardinia will be found not with us, but against us. And that complications will arise is clear, "for the an"nexation of Savoy is an act which must lead a "nation so warlike as the French to call from time "to time for acts of a similar nature"—trains for which we see already laid in Holland, Belgium, and the Palatinate. And then comes the renunciation of the doctrine which has hitherto ruled the policy of the Cabinet. It is no longer friendship with France, and isolation from all the world beside, but "we must not keep ourselves apart from all the "other nations of Europe, but when future questions "may arise we must be ready to act with others, and "to declare that the settlement of Europe and peace "cannot be assured if exposed to constant doubts "and rumours with regard to the annexation of this "country or of that." The cheers which rang through the House from all sides, as these words were heard, proved that however the rulers of the country had been deceived, the representatives of the people had not been deceived. It is unfortunate that these words were not uttered, or these suspicions entertained, when first the seizure of Savoy and consequent danger to Switzerland were threatened. A firm and decided remonstrance then, and, if necessary, overtures for new alliances, would have prevented all the deception and disgrace which we now must endeavour to remedy.

So, then, Mr. Cobden's famous Treaty, and our increased Income-tax, have resulted in this—that we cannot trust the professions of the Emperor; that Savoy is but the first of a series of annexations; and that, if we would be safe, we must stretch our hands, not only across the Channel, but further still, to clasp in alliance those of Prussia, Austria, Russia, and Belgium. Such sentiments would never be uttered by a Cabinet Minister unless the crisis were imminent and the alliance all but formed. States do not look out for new allies unless they have reason to right, without knowing it, when they exclaimed that the Treaty would be rent into shreds by cannon shot.

Some *exposé* of this kind must have been expected in the French capital, for there, too, they are talking of new alliances, and even boasting that they have secured them. Russia, Austria, and France against Prussia and England, is by no means an unlikely programme. Russia has certain designs upon the East, which France might favour, though England would not. Austria desires to recoup herself for the loss of Lombardy by seizing the Danubian Provinces. One of the Idee Napoliennes is, the possession of Egypt by France. These three Powers are despotisms, and, as such, enemies to freedom. Their union might be expected, were it not that Austria has been wronged too deeply; and Russia is in the throes of a social revolution. Lord John Russell has stated that Austria, at least, will side with Switzerland—that is, with England; and if she has not learned a lesson of perfidy from her conqueror, England is rich, and may enable her to take the field.

It is worthy of note that Spain has suddenly concluded a truce with Morocco, doubtless by the direction of the same potentate who urged her to commence the war. Spain has an army of 120,000 men, and half of these are seasoned soldiers. This unexpected peace with Morocco is a suspicious circumstance; for it points either to a war in Italy, in defence of the Pope, or to an offensive alliance with France, in case of hostilities with us.

Possibly, if the four Powers exhibit a determined resistance to territorial changes, involving danger to neutral States, France may, for the present, leave Chablais to Switzerland, and thus gain time for further preparation. This, however, is certain, that no dependence can be placed upon the most solemn professions of the French Emperor. We cannot for a moment cease either our vigilance or our preparations; and when two powerful nations are armed to the teeth, the one perfidious and the other distrustful, war cannot be far distant.

The *Times* on Lord John Russell's Speech in the House of Commons, on Monday night, on our Foreign Relations:—

The debate, last night, in the House of Commons, is, if we mistake not, a point of departure for new combinations in Europe. Lord John Russell has almost in terms announced that the *entente cordiale* which has so long intermittently existed between England and France is again—we hope we may say only for the moment—broken. He, the Minister, directing the foreign relations of England, has, from his place in Parliament, deliberately declared that he no longer feels any confidence in the moderation or peaceful intentions of the Emperor of the French. He has expressed his conviction that, after this consummated act of the annexation of Savoy, "The Emperor will be called upon, from time to time, to commit other acts of aggression," and he suggests that the Emperor will accede to the call. He proclaims to the world that this act must estrange England from the side of France, and must induce her to seek safety in the society of the other nations of Europe. "I do not feel," said Lord John Russell, "that, however we may wish to live on the most friendly terms with the French Government—and certainly I do wish to live on the most friendly terms with that Government—we ought not to keep ourselves apart from the other nations of Europe, but that, when future questions may arise—as future questions may arise—we should be ready to act with others, and to declare, always in the most moderate and friendly terms, but still firmly, that the settlement of Europe, the peace of Europe, is a matter dear to this country, and that that settlement and that peace cannot be assured if it is liable to perpetual interruption, to constant fears, to doubts and rumours with respect to the annexation of this one country, or the union and connexion of that other." This is a very important declaration. Both the Emperor of the French and the Minister of England have now kept their words to each other. The former shadowed forth his intention of pushing forward the present frontier of France in a certain contingency; the latter warned him that whenever he should carry out that intention he would forfeit the confidence of his ally. It is done, and Lord John Russell tells his ally frankly that, although he continues him as an acquaintance, he shall go elsewhere to seek his friends. The allusion to Prussia is scarcely equivocal, and we have not now to inquire where the present Government proposes to make its closest alliance; while the confession that Russia has declared that "the King of Sardinia was free to give away his provinces and the Emperor of the French was free to receive it," leaves it clear, that there is no intention or hope of forming a hostile European Confederation, such as the Tory party recently counselled.

Thus ends, as we very much fear, that strong hope of mutual confidence and good will based on commercial intercourse which we were all only yesterday taught to anticipate with such eager credulity. When these words are—as they are at this moment—telegraphed to Paris, and when it is known with what loud cheers the House of Commons rang as they were delivered, and with what welcome they were received by all except by one speaker, we cannot but expect that such zeal as has hitherto been shown to remove difficulties will be somewhat cooled, and that the strictest interpretations of the Commercial Treaty will be enforced. On our side, also, there is a possibility that the Treaty may hereafter be read with a different gloss. It will now be more clearly seen that we have yielded everything upon the spot, in the expectation that something that has never been promised might be generously given to us. The Emperor of the French may be magnanimous, and may yet fulfil the hopes of those among us who stooped to think with such motives. But it is not now likely. It is an unhappy time to declare ourselves slighted and betrayed. The Emperor has gained all his objects. He has crippled Austria, neutralised Russia, and conciliated Italy. We arise from our dream of confidence, and tell him that we have been deceived, and that we intend to trust him no more. The time is past when such a reproach or such a declaration would have had weight. These bold words will not make Napoleon III. relax his grasp upon Savoy, or delay him in the choice of the site for his palace at Nice. They only tell him authoritatively—what we told him long ago—that by this act we are offended but not outraged, estranged but not provoked to enmity. The instincts of the people of this country are truer than those of her rulers. They have never trusted the Emperor, though they have not thought it necessary to be constantly telling him so.

PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MONDAY EVENING.—So my Lord Palmerston has promised Parliament, if it behave itself like a good boy in the meantime, to let it have its Easter Holidays, on Monday or Tuesday week, and that he will not recall the members to business until Tuesday, 16th April. Now, the usual day on which Parliament reassembles is the Monday after Easter week, but Palmerston is anxious on the present occasion to see the combat between Old England and Young America, in the person of Tom Sayers and the Benicia Boy, which is to come off on Monday, 15th. The Prime Minister would not have his religious backer, the Earl of Shaftesbury, know this for any consideration, as a scene would ensue. But the Premier is going in for sports to any extent. He has tried every place of the political life, from the True Blue Tory to the extreme Democrat; he has filled every office in her Majesty's Government, from that of the smallest sub. to his present dignified position; so, having nothing more to achieve in that line, he turns his versatile genius in the other direction, and comes out as the patron of the ring and of the turf. You know his horse is entered for the Derby, but as my book has not been lately made up, I can't estimate his chances. We heard a good deal from the *Times* against horse racing, because the noble Earl of Derby did not sacrifice his stud during his Premiership, and Bob Lowe wrote savagely as Pam was disappointed in purchasing a few of the best racers; but the mighty Thunderer is silent now, or, instead thereof, treats us to a sermon on the advantages of English sports in training our youths to deeds of daring. I should not be surprised to learn that Pam put on the gloves himself on this day fortnight, and as he came out in the "navvy" line last summer, when he trundled his barrow to his heart's content, he may fancy that, as the aged Entellus, he can carry off the palm from the mighty Dares, and save his country the disgrace of yielding in the fistial exercise.

Our old friend, Robson of The Queen's, has been delighting his London audiences this last week in his character of the *Benicia Boy*. A pugilist mistakes a Mr. B. B. in a country inn for Heenan and talks slang at him, but Robson, instead of showing pluck, displays the wiser part of valour.

"For he that fights and runs away
Will live to fight another day."

Every one here is anxious to know what has originated the political rivalry between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Horsman. The Ishmael of the House of Commons, every time that he speaks, is sure to arouse the wrath of the member for the University of Oxford. In the beginning of the debates of this session Gladstone was easily provoked, and in every emergency started up, until he roused the indignation of the House, and was read a lesson of his duty. I recollect one night Lord Palmerston and Lord John Russell seizing the tail of the Chancellor's coat, and forcing dangerous Ministerialists to vote. However, Mr. Gladstone saw he was now learned, for some time, to restrain himself. Accordingly, when an ordinary member criticises the Chancellor's measure, he affects the indifferent, takes off his hat, throws himself into a lounging posture on his seat, until his head touches the back, watches the colours of the ceiling, thrown out into prominence as they are by the light being above them, and, if he intends to reply, takes notes in his lolling posture of the remarks of the honourable member. Not so when the member for Stroud addresses the House. Gladstone at such a time starts up and sits erect, his lip curls savagely, his eye kindles, his fingers twitch as he works his pens, all colour leaves his cheek, save that dark spot in the hollow caused by the shadow of his high cheek bones, and hardly is Horsman down, before Gladstone is on his legs, and pitching into him to his utmost power. Now on Friday night, Mr. Horsman happened to make a few remarks on Savoy, and succeeded in letting his opinion of the Government be known, despite the efforts of the Speaker to "shut him up." The words spoken were uttered without any appearance of venom, and such as have been repeatedly heard this session in the House of Commons, that the voice of England should be unmistaken, protesting against the annexation. But few as were the words spoken, and calmly as they were delivered, they did not escape the Chancellor's notice, for as soon as an opportunity offered, he let slap at Horsman for using language which might drive the Government of France to a more precipitate course of action. One would think that the deeds of the Emperor were a commentary on Gladstone's words, except that they reflect the other way. But Gladstone had it not all his own way, for the quiet Kinglake soon caught a chance of snubbing the Chancellor, and refused, at his request, to adapt his language to the taste of the Emperor of the French. *On dit*. I hate this beginning, as it always implies pure invention, or, at any rate, fiction, founded on fact; but this is no effort of the imagination—that Lord Fermoy thought he had made a cheap purchase of Marylebone, if he had secured the Chief Secretaryship of Ireland thereby, and that he has not yet given up the idea in despair, and would, meantime, keep himself in practice with Irish legislation. So, on Friday night, he asked the Government, in the person of Mr. Cardwell, when the Ecclesiastical Bill, which the late Government had introduced, would be undertaken by the present Ministry, and complained of the manner in which that functionary was managing his business. Of course, Cardwell said he had too much to do, with a Reform Bill on hands, to attend to such trifles; but Mr. Whiteside soon extricated him from that difficulty, by suggesting that he should drop the Reform bill, about which no one cared an atom, and proceed with those measures in which the people of Ireland were interested.

Fashionable Intelligence.

(FROM THE COURT CIRCULAR.)

LONDON, MONDAY.

Her Majesty the Queen held a Court and Privy Council yesterday afternoon at Buckingham Palace.

At the Court the Hon. G. S. Stafford Jerningham, her Majesty's Minister to Sweden, had an audience of the Queen. Mr. Jerningham was presented by Lord John Russell, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The Privy Council was attended by his Royal Highness the Prince Consort, the Duke of Argyll, Lord Privy Seal; Viscount Palmerston, First Lord of the Treasury; Lord John Russell, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; the Duke of Newcastle, Secretary of State for the Colonies; the Right Hon. Sidney Herbert, Secretary of State for War; the Duke of Somerset, First Lord of the Admiralty; Sir George Grey, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Earl of Elgin, Postmaster-General; and Viscount Sydney, Lord Chamberlain.

His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, accompanied by Prince Alfred, rode on horseback yesterday morning, attended by Colonel the Hon. A. Hardinge.

The Princess Helena rode in the Riding-house of Buckingham Palace.

The Prince Consort visited the Duke of Cambridge yesterday morning at his residence in St. James' Palace.

The Queen and Prince Consort, accompanied by Prince Alfred and Princess Helena, honoured the performance at the Haymarket Theatre with their presence in the evening. In attendance were the Marchioness of Ely, Lord Cremorne, Lord Alfred Paget, and Colonel the Hon. A. Hardinge.

Mr. Whitehead, Commissioner of the Mexican Bondholders, transacted business at the Foreign-office yesterday. Despatches were received at the Colonial-office yesterday from the Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands.

ARRIVAL OF THE LORD LIEUTENANT.

His Excellency the Earl of Carlisle arrived in town yesterday evening at 5 o'clock, from Kilkee Castle, where he has been stopping for some time past.

The Duke of Montrose has returned to Belgrave-square, from visiting the Countess of Powis, at Powis Castle, Welshpool.

The Earl of Aberdeen is suffering from illness, and we regret to learn that the general state of his lordship's health is such as to cause some anxiety to his family.

The venerable Countess of Newburgh continues in good health at her residence, Slindon House, near Arundel. Her ladyship has entered her ninety-eighth year, and is the oldest member of the titled aristocracy.

Colonel Lane Fox and the Hon. Mrs. Lane Fox have left the residence of Lord and Lady Stanley of Alderley for their country residence.

Sir James J. Hamilton, Bart., and Lady Hamilton, have left Omagh, for their residence, Portman-square, London.

Doctor M'Dowell has removed from 10, Great Denmark-street, to 29, Gardiner's-place.

The Army.

OUR INDIAN ARMY.—The present effective strength of the local European regiments in India is in Bengal 6,324 in Madras 2,879, and in Bombay 2,676 men, 11,879; not including 3,303 recruits embarked for India between the 1st of June and the 1st of December, 1859, and 1,393 recruits for India now at the depots in England.

H.M.'s 8TH REGIMENT.—The 8th (King's) Regiment of Foot were under orders for England. They went out to India in 1846.

H.M.'s 5TH AND 6TH REGIMENTS.—H.M.'s 6th Regiment was to be stationed at Barrackpore on the departure of the 53rd for England and H.M.'s 5th to garrison Fort William.

REGIMENTS RETURNING FROM INDIA.—The regiments now on their passage home from India are—the 14th Light Dragoons, 12th Lancers, 53rd Regiment, and 1st Battalion of the 60th Rifles; and in addition to these the 8th Regiment, 1st Battalion, and 37th will probably arrive in England in the course of the summer. Should any more regiments be sent to England, the 5th Fusiliers, 1st Battalion, 64th, 70th, and 83rd Regiments are the next on the list.

Capt. G. Langley, R.E., who was invalided home from China after the attack on the Peiho forts, has been ordered to join head-quarters at Chatham on the 30th inst.

The 16th Lancers (now quartered in York) and the 9th Lancers are to be moved to Aldershott to join the Lancer Brigade to be formed there during the summer. The 13th Light Dragoons are to be moved to York from Edinburgh, and the 4th Light Dragoons will march to Edinburgh from Manchester.

The Navy.

Her Majesty's Royal paddle yacht Victoria and Albert has been undocked and placed in the steam basin at Portsmouth, where she has commenced coaling. Her superheating gear is shipped, and she is expected to make her steam trial about the 2nd or 3rd proximo.

The Rinaldo, 17, screw, was on Monday, at high water, floated out of No. 6 dock at Portsmouth, where she has been constructed. Miss Stewart, sister to the Hon. Mrs. Grey, the wife of Rear-Admiral Superintendent Hon. G. Grey, performed the ceremony of naming the vessel. The Rinaldo was afterwards towed round to the steam basin to receive her machinery.

Intelligence has been received at the head-quarters of the Chatham division of Royal Marines that about 400 men belonging to various infantry regiments at present serving in India have volunteered for the corps of Royal Marines serving in China, and that they are now on their passage from India to China to join the battalion.

His Imperial Majesty's Russian frigate Askold, Captain Onuvosky, from Jajan, 59 days from Simon's Bay, entered Plymouth Sound on Monday morning, homeward bound.

The screw steam frigate Diadem, 32, Captain James H. Cockburn, having been fitted with a new bowsprit, left Hamoaze on Monday morning, in charge of Mr. Gahan, Master of the Impregnable, and brought up in Plymouth Sound.

Thanks.

The Rev. H. M. Finny, Secretary of the Colonial Church and School Society, thankfully acknowledges the following contributions to the Clonigny Fund (per Rev. H. Scott):—The Lord Bishop of Ossory, Fersand Leighlin, £5.

LATEST NEWS.

(BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.)
IRISH TIMES OFFICE.
Four o'clock, a.m.

FRANCE.

TURIN, MARCH 27.—Although the new frontiers of France and Piedmont are to be fixed by a mixed commission, the two Governments have agreed to the following line:—In the North, the boundary which separates Savoy from Switzerland is to be preserved. In the East, the frontier will extend to the summit of Mont Cenis, the Western slopes of which, as well as Port Bramant, which is the key to that mountain, will be included in the French empire. The line will follow the chain of the Alps to Mont Vigo, and to the defile of the Queda, and the course of the river Rigo, the mouth of which is at Vintemiglia, a strongly fortified post in the Mediterranean.

GENERAL LAMORICIERE.

PARIS, 27.—The *Pays* of this evening, in announcing that General Lamoriciere has left Rome, recalled the article of the Code Napoleon, which states that every Frenchman who should enter foreign service without the authorisation of the French Government would forfeit the privileges of a French citizen.

FRANCE, SARDINIA, AND SWITZERLAND.

ROME, MARCH 27.—It is stated that the Federal Council has received two verbal communications from France and Sardinia. Sardinia has informed Switzerland that the latter must negociate with France relative to the annexation of Savoy. France declared to Switzerlandt that, should Switzerland take military measures, she would be obliged to do the same.

BERNE, 27TH.—It is asserted that France has pro

LONDON PRODUCE MARKET, MARCH 27.—Sugar—Public sales going very irregularly. Coffee—Market very firm. Tea—Market steady; common congou, 1s 5d. Rice very firm, with rather an upward tendency. Saltpetre—670 bags at auction, taken in 10½d per cent, at 40s; 64d to 44d; 44s to 45s. Yellow—Market opened a shade firmer this morning, but is again quiet at 57s 3d to 57s 6d for the month; 55s 6d for April and June; 52s 9d for the last three months.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET.—Supply of beasts comprises 1,264 head; trade steady at full rates; sheep and lambs, 4,210; trade firm, and old sheep made a shade more money; lambs ranged in prices from £1 1s. to £1 10s.; pigs, 722; trade slow; beef, 6s. to 8s.; pork, 5s. 10d. to 7s. 6d. per stone; mutton, 6½d. to 9½d. per lb.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET, MARCH 27.—3,000 bales of cotton sold, including 500 on speculation and for export. Market without change.

LEEDS CORN MARKET, MARCH 27.—Wheat 1s. to 2s. dearer than on Friday, but millers buy cautiously. Other articles fully as dear.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, MARCH 27.—Fair demand for wheat of all descriptions, and 1s. per quarter advance on Saturday's prices. Flour—A good sale at full prices of Saturday. Malting and grinding barley firm, and last week's prices well sustained. Oats firm. Beans and peas better to sell, and prices a shade higher.

MANCHESTER TRADE REPORT, MARCH 27.—No material change to note in market since the close of last week, excepting, perhaps, a little less disposition on part of Continental houses to operate. Prices quite firm, and fair business going on for Easter markets, at very full rates.

THE LANDOWNERS' AND AGENTS' PRACTICAL GUIDE.

By T. DE MOLEYNS, Esq., Q.C.

Dublin: Hodges, Smith, and Company; second edition, revised, corrected, and enlarged.

On Friday last Mr. Cardwell, in reply to Lord Fermoy, stated that on Thursday he proposed bringing in several bills in connection with Irish measures. Amongst others one to Amend the Law Relating to the Tenure and Improvement of Land. Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland also gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill, the same evening, to Consolidate and Amend the Law of Landlord and Tenant in that country. It is not, then, to be wondered at that those who are principally concerned in such matters should show a desire to make themselves acquainted with these subjects. That this is the case, we may fairly infer from the rapid sale of Mr. De Moleyns' work, entitled "The Landowners' and Agents' Practical Guide," the first edition having been disposed of in a few weeks after its publication, and a second edition having, in like manner, nearly disappeared within the last fortnight. We have ourselves carefully read over this little work, and are much pleased with the style and language in which it is written, being such as to commend it, not merely to the professional, but also to the private reader. It contains much sound and valuable information, and will be found useful to the tenant as well as to the landlord, to the agent, the receiver, and to all parties concerned in the use and management of land. Beginning with the first possession of it, it leads the reader through succession duty, appointment of rents, various forms of leases and agreements, ejectments, fixtures, boundaries, taxes and rates, grand jury laws, &c., &c., concludes with the various acts for the improvement of land, and the object and establishment of the Landed Estates Court.

In the chapter on "Estate and Farm Boundaries," we are informed of the origin of the Tenant Compensation Question. Referring to the Irish Boundary Act (5 George I. c. 2, s. 1, Irish), passed for promoting the reclamation of lands overflowed by rivers, loughs, or the sea, we read:—"This act, the precursor of the modern Drainage Acts, is remarkable as the first recognition by the Legislature of the principle of compensating tenants for their improvements, by the extension of their terms. A graduated scale of the proportion of the expenditure to be returned to each owner of limited estates is fixed, and the proprietors or tenants are empowered, after the determination of these estates, to hold the reclaimed lands until they shall be repaid these sums."

In respect, we consider this a valuable manual, and, considering the research and labour required for its production, and the very creditable manner in which it has been brought out by its publishers, Messrs. Hodges, Smith, and Company, we are surprised at its cheapness—its price being only 5s.—and we think it well worth the careful study of all who are concerned in landed estates.

We have much pleasure in stating that the rumoured illness of the Right Hon. Judge Keogh is without foundation. The learned judge was yesterday evening in the enjoyment of his usual robust health.

DEATH BY DROWNING.—Yesterday evening, a poor man named John Gorman, a boat owner, at Aston's Quay, while engaged in washing out one of his boats, lost his balance and fell into the river at Carlisle-bridge. A young lad who witnessed the accident called the attention of Police-constable Dalton, 91 C, to the fact, but before any effectual assistance could be rendered the man was unfortunately drowned. The body was recovered at half-past six o'clock, and removed to Neale's livery stables, South Anne-street, where an inquest will be held this day. The deceased's son, who is an expert swimmer, saved several persons from being drowned in the Liffey during the last few years.

CARLOW FAIR.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MARCH 26.—The supply of cattle at the fair held here on Monday last was very large, and, considering the scarcity of grass, was of a very fair description. The demand was not at all equal to the supply, and prices generally had a downward tendency. Fat beef varied from 40s. to 50s. per cwt. A few of two-year old bullocks brought £12 per head. Three-year old do. £12 10s. to £14 each; store cattle from £9 to £10 10s.; yearling calves, £1 10s. to £6. There was a fair supply of sheep hoggets from 35s. to 40s.; fat sheep, from 45s. to 50s. per cwt., or 8d. to 9d. per lb. The fat pig fair was dull on Saturday, and was very well supplied. Good porkers brought 50s. per cwt.; stores, from £2 10s. to £3 15s.; bonhams, from 10s. to 30s. each.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The appointment of Thomas D. Fitzgerald, Esq., who has been stationed in Monmouth for about two years, as Sub-Inspector of Police, to the important office of Stipendiary Magistrate, has been received by all parties with feelings of satisfaction. No better appointment could be made, and the constabulary force may view with feelings of pride this recognition of the claims of an active and able officer.

THE CHINA FORCE.—Sir Hope Grant having been in London for a week, the arrangements for the China expeditionary force seems to be approaching something like definitiveness. The *Friend of India* of Feb. 23rd gives the following statement of the details of the force:—"From Bengal. Queen's Troops—H.M.'s 3rd Dragoons (1st Battn.) gone. 67th Foot gone, 98th Foot gone in Walmer Castle, Mars, and Octavia, 6th February. 57th Royal Irish Fusiliers, under orders and on march to Calcutta. H.M.'s 60th Royal Rifles (2nd Battn.) under orders, and now in Calcutta and about to embark. Royal Artillery, 2 batteries, gone and going. Cavalry, none under orders, but H.M.'s 7th Hussars talked of. Native Troops—Cavalry: 1st Sikh Cavalry under Major Probyn, expected at Ranegunge 12th inst. 2. Regiment Sikh Irregulars—Volunteers from different regiments raised at Cawnpore, under Captain Hall; each regiment of native cavalry will be 500 strong. Infantry: 5th Punjaub Infantry, 11th, 15th, and 19th, embarked 19th February. Regiment of Goorkhas (at Ranegunge). 2. From Madras. Queen's Infantry:—Cavalry: 1st Dragoon Guards (2 squadrons) under orders, but not quite certain. Artillery: 1 battery. Infantry: Her Majesty's 44th Foot sailed in the Jaloub. Native Troops—21st Madras, N.I., under orders. 3. From Bombay, Queen's Troops—Cavalry: None. Artillery: 1 battery Royal Artillery. Infantry: Her Majesty's 31st Regiment, from Kurrachee. Native Troops—2 Regiments N.I. The one Regiment is from Madras, and the two from Bombay will relieve the 47th, 65th, and 70th Regiments. Bengal Troops now in Canton. Taking this as the minimum, we shall have a force in India from China of seventeen European and seven native regiments of infantry, and four batteries of Artillery, and two regiments of native, and possibly one of European Cavalry, or a total of about 20,000 men, of whom more than half are Europeans. Seventy-six vessels for transport have been taken up at Calcutta. Singapore is to be the common rendezvous. Hence a fleet of forty sail is expected to set out for China." The *Englishman* states that the regiment of Goorkhas is not to proceed to China, and that the 2nd Battalion H.M.'s 60th Royal Rifle Corps, and the Loodiana Regiments, under orders for China, are to be countermanded by the following vessels: the former in the ships Alfred Hougomont, and Minden, and the latter in the ships Wanstead and Iskendershah.

A suit involving the title to the whole city of San Francisco is to be commenced in the United States Supreme Court at Washington on the first Monday in April. The claim is made under a Mexican grant to a Roman Catholic priest and the case rests upon the genuineness of the grant.

DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO LORD LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Saturday afternoon Lord Loughborough, the unsuccessful candidate for the county of Fife at the last general election, was entertained to dinner by the Fife Conservatives in the Corn Exchange, Kirkcaldy, and was at the same time presented with two massive and elegant silver candelabra, which cost nearly £350.

It is proposed by some of the Liverpool Volunteer Corps to camp out on Crosby sands some time during the summer.

We understand that it is likely that a Congress of the Great Powers will be held in the course of a few weeks, and that the place of meeting will be London.—*Morning Herald.*

The mortal remains of the late Lady Dover were removed at an early hour yesterday morning from Whitehall, for interment at Holmeby, Northamptonshire.

GREAT NORTHERN AND WESTERN OF IRELAND RAILWAY.—At a special general meeting of the shareholders, held on Monday afternoon, at the offices, 35, Parliament-street, Westminster, in conformity with the standing orders of the House of Commons—Lord John Brown, M.P., in the chair—a resolution was passed sanctioning the bill now pending in Parliament, the chief object of which is to enable the company to make a deviation in their authorised railway between Roscommon and Castlerea.

The Pyne and Harris Company at Covent-garden bring their season to a close this evening, which will be devoted to the benefit of Miss Louisa Pyne.

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Imperial Parliament.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—MONDAY,

The SPEAKER took the chair at a few minutes before 4 o'clock.

WAYS AND MEANS—REPORT.

THE ANNEXATION OF SAVOY.

Mr. LAING brought up the report of the Committee of Ways and Means.

Upon the first resolution,

Mr. HORSMAN said—I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to make some remarks upon the foreign policy of the country, especially as to the position in which this House stands in discussing our relations with other Powers, both towards our Ministry at home and Foreign Powers abroad. When Parliament met at the beginning of the season it was well known that various questions, not of negociation only, but of diplomatic controversy, were pending between the Governments of England and France—questions respecting Egypt, respecting Spain and Morocco, and respecting China. No one can say that the Government has been hampered by any interference on the part of this House in connection with any of those matters. It was well known that there had been a controversy of so serious a nature on the subject of the Suez Canal that at one time, judging from the information given by the authorised French journals, it had given rise to very considerable embarrassment on the part of the English Cabinet. But it was stated that the Emperor of the French, wishing to put an end to this state of things, had postponed the question to a more convenient time. Although, however, we knew that such a postponement must sow the seeds of future embarrassment to this country, not one word of information has been laid upon the table by her Majesty's Ministers as to the correspondence between the two Governments, and not one question has been asked in this House concerning it. After that the war between Spain and Morocco excited attention. We know that in the first instance the English Cabinet took a very high tone with Spain. The French Cabinet took an equally high tone on the other side in support of Spain, and we were again told by the official organs of the French Emperor that there had been what in diplomatic language is called an animated conversation between the First Minister of England and the French Ambassador upon this subject, which ended in the French Ambassador politely informing the English Minister that the Emperor was not to be diverted by the representations of this Government from the course on which he had already determined. Then we were informed by her Majesty, in the Speech from the Throne, that efforts had been made to mediate between Spain and Morocco, and papers on the subject were promised, but that promise has not yet been fulfilled, and not one question has been asked. Again, various difficulties occurred with the French Government as to the joint expedition with China. The official organs of the French Government stated that it was the determination of France not to assist England in China unless England would assist France out of her difficulties in Italy. The joint expedition, however, was finally arranged, and many persons believe it to be a great error and a source of much difficulty in the future. Not a line of the correspondence on this subject, again, has been laid upon the table, nor has a question been asked, of the Government. I state these facts to show that there had been no desire on the part of the House to embarrass the Government, or in any way to fetter their free action. When, therefore, upon the question of Savoy greater anxiety was displayed, we had a right to expect credit from the Government and from the public for interfering there only because it was a matter of great urgency in which we thought that the functions of diplomacy were about being exhausted, and that the interposition of Parliament was absolutely necessary in order to avert consequences which the diplomacy of the Government had been too weak to prevent. (Hear, hear.) As to Savoy, I wish to call the attention of the House to the points which have been brought more immediately before us in the course of the present session. At the close of the last session it may be remembered the Foreign Secretary stated that the Emperor of the French in making peace had voluntarily abjured all ideas of anything like territorial aggrandisement, and he remarked very frankly and in a very fair spirit towards the Emperor that he thought it right to make the statement, because rumours of an entirely opposite character had been propagated. The House separated with that assurance. At the beginning of the present session these rumours were again revived, questions were asked as to their truth, and the answer given was that no official information had been received on the subject. There then appeared no belief on the part of the Government in the existence of such a report, and for the moment the House was satisfied; but immediately afterwards the organs of the French Government published an open and avowed declaration of the determination of France to annex Savoy. Again were the Government interrogated, and again the answer was that, no doubt, France had indicated a desire to annex Savoy, but that Sardinia had determined not to assent. The House was again satisfied for the moment; but shortly afterwards the hon. member (Mr. Kinglake), supported by the hon. baronet (Sir R. Peel), showed that they were in possession of precise and accurate information that Sardinia had agreed to cede Savoy, and asked whether the Government had any information. The answer was that that information had been received, but it was coupled with the agreeable assurance from the Emperor, that nothing would be done without asking the consent of the population and abiding entirely by their decision. On a subsequent occasion the hon. member and the hon. baronet said they had reason to believe that a treaty between Sardinia and France was on the point of being signed by which Savoy was to be ceded without the consent of the population. Again they received for answer that this was quite true, but there was comfort still, because the Government had obtained from the Emperor the gratifying assurance that the question should be submitted to the Powers of Europe, and that nothing should be done without their assent; and it was added that if the House, which had so far shown forbearance towards the Ministry, would only continue to exhibit that forbearance, and would place in them the same confidence which the Government reposed in the Emperor, Savoy might still be saved. This was received with greater pleasure and gratification, and with more cheering from the benches behind the Ministry than were bestowed on any previous announcement; whereupon the First Minister was so elated by the enthusiasm displayed that he relapsed into high encomiums upon the Emperor, reminding the House of his Majesty's first declaration that the Empire was Peace, going out of his way to assert that nothing which had occurred in the invasion of Italy was at variance with this declaration, and expressing also his opinion that the invasion of Italy was a noble enterprise. The House rested upon that assurance; but a few days afterwards the hon. member (Mr. Kinglake) got information of a still more precise and alarming character, which was, that not only was the annexation determined on, but that Savoy deputies were actually on their way to Paris to do homage to the Emperor. The hon. gentleman showed me his telegram, and did me the honour to consult me whether, considering the impatience—and, I may say, the intolerance—which had been shown by a part of the House, he should be justified in again intruding himself upon its attention. My opinion was, that the statement which he had to make was so serious a one that it was his duty again to bring it under the notice of the Government. He accordingly did so, and with what result? A despatch was gravely read, announcing, not only that the annexation of Savoy was determined on, but that the assent of the Great Powers of Europe was not to be required; and the noble lord, on the impulse of the moment, speaking as he did under great emotion, told us that as soon as he had written an answer to that despatch, and her Majesty's approval had been obtained thereto, it would be laid on the table. That despatch has been written—it has been transmitted—but when we ask the noble lord to let us see it, we are told that the Cabinet does concur in the fulfilment of the pledge which he gave, and that despatch has not been produced. But, while we are not allowed to learn the nature of the despatch from our own Government, a description of it—but, I hope, not a true one—has been given to the world in the journals of France. The character given of it is exactly that which the enemies of the Government abroad, and those who wish to make a tool of our Government, would give; but it is a protest couched in friendly terms. M. Thouvenel wrote a despatch; but he did not fear criticism—and why? Because the Emperor of the French knew that, "by the publication of his despatch, he would produce a great effect upon Europe—that he would depress Germany—he would (or at least he hoped he would) dispirit Switzerland—he might cow Savoy, and coerce Sardinia. But while the people of Europe are looking for the counteracting despatch from this country stating what is the spirit and policy of England, we are told that that despatch is to be kept back for fear the English public might indulge in disagreeable criticisms. Now there is one indication, and I hope the only one, of a plea which is put forward in some quarters—that the action of the French Government has been precipitated by the discussion in this House. I hold that the rule which ought to guide this House towards the Government in relation to its foreign negociations is a very simple one, and one that cannot be mistaken, and I hope the House will lay down for itself some rule by which it will vindicate the high privilege it enjoys of free speech concerning the Governments at home and Governments abroad. The rule I take to be this—when complications arise and danger threatens, it is right to leave unfettered the course of the Government, and generously to conclude that the threatened evils may not be realised, and that the Government may be able to avert the threatened danger. But it is a different thing when the opposing Power is not diplomatising merely, but is acting. When that occurs the point for Parliamentary interference has passed by. During the administration of the noble viscount, and under the very peculiar, and, I might say, unprecedented existing relations between him and the French Emperor, there has been a new doctrine laid down—that we must frame our speeches, not according to what we consider to be for the interest of England, but according to what may not be hurtful to the feelings of the Emperor. That is a doctrine which I hope this House will at once and for ever repudiate and set at rest. At this time any attempt to suppress the expression of opinion here, when Ministers cannot defend facts, would reduce us to a system of weakness, and justify the imputation that is made abroad against us of unworthy sycophancy; and the more adulation is heaped upon the Emperor of the French from that (the Ministerial) bench, the more necessary it is that truth should be heard from other quarters. It is for that reason that I vindicate in this assembly the right of free speech, which there has been an undue attempt to fetter, and that in the exercise of my privilege as a member of this House I denounce the recent policy of the Emperor of the French in Italy as a policy of deceit. I say that he has deceived the English Ministers, and has made them his tools for deceiving the English Parliament. I say that he has treated them with a duplicity which they had not the candour to avow, and with a contempt which they had not the spirit to resent. And, speaking of his proceedings in Savoy and Sardinia, and the manner in which he has announced his policy to Europe, I say he has added insolence to aggression, and perfidy to injustice. Am I to be rebuked from that bench (pointing to the Treasury bench) for this language? Why, I look around that bench, and I see such an array of Ministers as never sat there before, so associated with Parliamentary censures and of "horrible and heartrending" disasters. In 1855 there was a Cabinet occupying that bench apparently stronger than the present, and with quite as reliable a majority; though I don't think it was quite so intolerant of all who differed from them as the majority which sits behind them; but in one night a storm of indignation arose, and the Cabinet, by an unprecedented majority, ceased to exist; in 1858 the noble viscount was at the head of a still stronger Cabinet, but it was stated openly that he had truckled to France, and because he had done so he was censured, and his Cabinet was swept away. And now I would warn those who would attempt to fetter the freedom of speech in this House, that the spirit which on two occasions came to the rescue, and vindicated the honour and interests of nations, is still alive, and it may inflict a third penalty as sudden, and more severe, than any which has preceded it. (Cheers.)

Lord J. RUSSELL who, on rising was received with cheers, said—The right hon. gentleman has raised up a great many spectres, with which he has fought much more than he has combated with any reality that exists. First of all he supposes that we have been continually complaining of the freedom of speech in this House, and endeavouring to suppress it. That is an entire imagination on the part of the right hon. gentleman, and I think he has given us to-night a tolerable specimen of the manner in which the freedom of speech may be exercised, whether as to Ministers at home or Sovereigns abroad. The right hon. gentleman, indeed, has imagined that we have been continually rebuking the House for the freedom with which they speak of foreign affairs. I don't think that we have so presumed with regard to the freedom of speech in this House. I think, on the contrary, with regard to the gentleman opposite, we have every reason to be satisfied with the forbearance that has been shown, and with the unwillingness they have displayed to enter upon any general discussion of foreign affairs, or, at all events, to impede the action of negociations that might be actually pending. I thought at one time the language of the hon. gentleman the member for Horsham unbecoming the position he had held and the responsibility that must attach to his words, but on a subsequent occasion the hon. gentleman made a speech full of moderation and, if he will allow me to say, of good intention, and I have no reason to find fault with him. But I must say that, as the right hon. gentleman the member for Stroud has given us so much warning and advice, and so much objurgation, I may be permitted to give him one piece of advice—that, seeing there is on the other side of the House an indisposition to enter upon any violent censure of opposition, or any factious misrepresentation, I wonder that he does not himself take his place on the front seat of the Opposition bench, and endeavour to show to the shame of the right hon. gentlemen opposite what faction can effect. The right hon. gentleman has certainly imagined a good many anecdotes with which I was perfectly unacquainted. He tells us with respect to Morocco, that we had intended to lay the papers on the table of the House, which we have failed in doing, and that there was a very animated discussion between the First Lord of the Treasury and the French Ambassador respecting the affairs of Morocco. Now the right hon. gentleman that I never heard of that discussion, nor do I think that any warm discussion has occurred between this Government and the Government of France with respect to the Spanish expedition to Morocco. We thought the war was an unnecessary war on the part of Spain; that opinion was very ill-taken by Spain, but it gives me much pleasure to say that I believe that war is now approaching a termination. Then, with regard to China, the right hon. gentlemna says we asked the assistance of the French in China, and that we were told they would only give that assistance if we detailed the French policy in Italy. Did I say that? Did I make a bargain was there any bargain made. That is another specimen of imagination on the part of the right hon. gentleman; but whether it is his own or whether he has picked it up from some of those telegrams, which fly about the world, and have little authority, I know not, but at all events, the House should not be misled by taking everything for certain that the right hon. gentleman said. Then, with respect to this great and important question of Savoy, I have more than once told the House the state of our information on that subject. I told the House what had passed between our Ambassador in Paris and the French Foreign Minister, and what our Minister at Turin had reported of his conversation with the Minister of France. I never consider myself bound to vouch for everything that was so reported. The right hon. gentleman says that I assured the House to its very great satisfaction not only that the Emperor of the French would consult the Great Powers of Europe, but that he would be guided by their opinion. The noble lord the member for Leicestershire endeavoured to extract from me an opinion whether the Emperor of the French intended to consult the Great Powers of Europe in the sense of explaining to them his views with regard to Savoy, and then to act as he thought fit, or whether he meant to abide by the decision of the majority. Not being certain myself, I never could state to the noble lord in the sense the Emperor of the French meant to consult them; but the very moment I received a despatch explaining in what sense that consultation was to be made, I came down to the House and told I thought it was intended in the sense of exposing the reasons of the Emperor of the French, but at the same time not supposing the Great Powers should decide upon the question, but that the Emperor himself should decide. Well, in regards that subject I said, however, that I thought if it met with the unanimous disapproval of the Great Powers—if the course the Emperor of the French meant to pursue with respect to the annexation of Savoy they should feel was an alarming step for France to take, and might beteken future aggression, I did not believe that that plan would be proceeded with. Whether I was right or wrong in that opinion cannot now be ascertained, but I know that with respect to the Great Powers the Austrian Government said in the first instance the annexation of Savoy to France was not worse, in all events, than the annexation of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany to Sardinia, and that it was a question in which they had less interest. But we know, besides, that the Emperor of Russia has said that it was free to the King of Sardinia to give away his own province, and that it was free for the Emperor of the French to receive it; and therefore it was impossible that a foreign sovereign could interfere. Well, then, I say with regard to any opinion that we might give, we could not expect that it should have the same weight as if it had been the opinion of the Great Powers unanimously given and expressed—if not in the same terms, in terms of strong disapprobation. The right hon. gentleman seems to think that we are ashamed of the despatch we sent in answer to that of M. Thouvenel. I can assure him he Government are not at all ashamed of that despatch, and when it is produced I think this House will be of opinion that we have no reason to be ashamed of it. But, then, sir, there are other questions connected with this subject, especially one that must be of great importance to Europe; and to this country as a free country, to this Parliament as a free Parliament, must be one of surpassing interest—I mean that which is connected with the independence and neutrality of Switzerland. Some days after the despatch of M. Thouvenel, we received a representation from the Government of Switzerland complaining of the disposition about to be made with regard to the neutralised territory of Savoy. This, sir, is a question of a different nature, because, with regard to Savoy, it may be said, as with regard to Tuscany, it was part of the settlement of Europe in 1815, that Savoy should belong to the Grand Duke of Tuscany; but there was no guarantee on the part of other Powers with regard to the possession of Tuscany by the Grand Duke and of Savoy by the King of Sardinia; and therefore the transfer by the King of Sardinia of his rights over Savoy to the Emperor of the French is a question on which those Powers may, or may not, think it right to remonstrate or go further. But, with regard to the independence of Switzerland, that is a matter of interest to all Europe, being guaranteed by the Great Powers of Europe. Indeed, not only is the territory belonging to the Confederation guaranteed, but there is a part of Savoy which is declared neutralised, and with regard to which it is provided that, if war should break out between the neighbouring Powers, the troops of the King of Sardinia shall evacuate that territory, and a Swiss military force shall hold it till the termination of the war. Now, it is obvious that the transfer of that territory from the King of Sardinia to the Emperor of the French is a great change in the condition of that territory; and, though not within the letter of the treaty, it does bear—it may be indirectly—in a very important respect upon the independence of Switzerland. For that reason, as M. Thouvenel has applied, on the part of the Emperor of the French to the various Powers of Europe, and has received, as the French Government say, favourable answers from several of those Powers, so, on the other hand, Switzerland has applied to the Powers of Europe with a view to maintain her neutrality intact, and with a view to her future independence. Now, this is a question which does not require merely an answer on our part to the despatch of M. Thouvenel, but, in the opinion of her Majesty's Government it does require that we should endeavour to ascertain what was the opinion at Berlin, and what may be the opinion at St. Petersburg upon this subject. We have ascertained, so far, that without any decided course of conduct being agreed upon, the Courts of Berlin and Vienna do attach the highest importance to the neutrality of Switzerland; and we see by what has appeared in the newspapers to-day—of which we also received a summary in our despatches, that the Powers of Europe will be called upon to say whether the position of Switzerland be safe under the treaty made by the Emperor of the French and the King of Sardinia. Well, I will say that I do not think this is a negociation that could be carried on by this House as a body. I do not think that the members of this House, voting by a majority, could undertake to make the communications that must be made to Berlin, that must be made to Vienna, and to see whether, with Vienna and Berlin together, we may not obtain some co-operation with the Court of Russia. The right hon. gentleman despises our ability. He thinks we are objects of contempt to the Emperor of the French; and so far as we are concerned the right hon. gentleman thinks there should be a vote of want of confidence; but this House has not taken from us its confidence, and till such vote takes place we shall think ourselves entitled to carry on this negociation and place before the House, when concluded, its results. For these reasons, sir, I have, meanwhile, withheld the answer to M. Thouvenel's despatch. I do not follow the right hon. gentleman in his depreciation of the character of the Emperor of the French; but the course pursued, as I expected, and as I said from the first, frankly and fairly, to the French Government, has already produced a great deal of distrust. I believe myself that if when the war was begun last year the Emperor of the French and the King of Sardinia had said openly to the world, "The King of Sardinia has to sustain a great war against the empire of Austria; he cannot sustain it alone; the Emperor of the French has determined to help him, but the Emperor of the French expects, and has stipulated by treaty with the King of Sardinia, that if the territories of that King are very much increased in Italy that portion of the territories of the King close neighbouring on France and on the French side of the Alps shall be given to the Emperor of the French"—if that bargain had been declared, I will not say what amount of indignation would have been entertained in regard to it; but I must say, look to the circumstances with which it has been attended, especially after the declaration of the Sardinian Government that they would neither sell, exchange, nor surrender their territory, the course that has been pursued has produced great distrust in this country, and I believe it will produce great distrust all over Europe. Sir, I very much doubt whether strong resolutions, or even strong language, on the part of this House would have produced any great effect upon the legitimate issue of this affair. We have been told that the language held in this House made it necessary for the French nation to insist on their Government doing what has been done. That is rather a pretext than a true representation. It is evident that it is a plausible pretext to say, "We would have negociated or conceded this point, but the insulting language used is such that our honour is at stake and we can no longer give way." I say that it is a plausible pretext, but, be this as it may, there has been declared from the beginning of these discussions, immediately after the first debate that took place in the House of Lords—and the declaration was carried by the *Times* newspaper all over Europe—that although strong language might be used on the subject, there was no intention of going to war on account of it. The right hon. gentleman the member for Stroud said in one of his speeches, that we might be quite sure that no man in this House wished to go to war for Savoy; now, if there had been entire liberty to the Government to negociate on this subject—although certainly they would not have pledged the Government and the country to go to war, still it is different not saying anything on the subject, and declaring from the commencement of the negociations that whatever may be the issue we will not go to war. Sir, my opinion, as I declared in July and January, I have no objection now to repeat—that such an act as the annexation of Savoy is one that will lead a nation so warlike as the French to call upon its Government from time to time to commit other acts of aggression; and, therefore, I do feel that, however we may wish to live on the most friendly terms with the French Government—and certainly I do wish to live on the most friendly terms with that Government—we ought not to keep ourselves apart from the other nations of Europe, but that, when future questions may arise—as future questions may arise—we should be ready to act with others and to declare, always in the most moderate and friendly terms, but still firmly, that the settlement of Europe, the peace of Europe is a matter dear to this country, and that settlement and that peace cannot be assured if it is liable to perpetual interruption—to constant fears, to doubts and rumours with respect to the annexation of this one country, or the union and connexion of that other; but that the Powers of Europe, if they wish to maintain that peace, must respect each other's rights, must respect each other's limits, and, above all, must not disturb that commercial confidence which is the result of peace, which tends to peace, and which ultimately forms the happiness of nations.

Lord J. MANNERS said the cheers which rang through the whole House when the noble lord made the observations with which he concluded his speech furnished a complete justification of the hon. gentleman who had originated that discussion. He could only say for one, that when he heard that portion of the noble lord's speech he hailed it as an augury that her Majesty's Government were about to return to those alliances and that friendly co-operation with the other Powers of Europe which, in his opinion, ought never to have been for one moment disturbed. The noble lord had given utterance to that which would vibrate from one end of this land to the other; and, if it became their duty to discuss this question again, he trusted they would do so in the spirit of the noble lord's concluding observations, and that the country would feel that they might still have confidence in the manner in which our foreign policy was conducted.

Mr. BRIGHT said he was not able to say exactly how many times this subject had been brought before the House during the last month, but it had certainly been more frequently than it had been convenient for the House or for the despatch of public business. He was unable to quote accurately from the speeches he had heard and read, but he had come to this conclusion, that those gentlemen who had been so anxious to introduce this question to the House had entirely avoided that which appeared to him to be the most important part of it, if it were a part of it—viz., what direct and clear interest this country had in the matter. For himself he stood there to guard the interests of England. He repudiated altogether the course taken by the hon. baronet the member for Tamworth (Sir R. Peel), who was evidently warmly interested in Switzerland. He repudiated the conduct of the hon. member for Bridgewater (Mr. Kinglake), who appeared to have taken Sardinia under his particular care. Since Sardinia had been proved to be the only Power that was not trustworthy, the hon. gentleman (Mr. Kinglake) no doubt wished to repudiate Sardinia. He (Mr. Bright) also disclaimed any approval of the plan of operations adopted by right hon. gentlemen opposite, who appeared to find in every question an opportunity for attacking her Majesty's Government. He stood there simply as the representative of a great English constituency, and as having no kind of business with this question, except in so far as it affected the honour and interests of England. He was astonished that it had not struck some of those ingenious gentlemen who had principally agitated this matter that they ought to be greatly delighted with the transfer of Savoy from Sardinia to France; for he could give them a reason why England should rather be glad of it. Sardinia agreed to the transfer. Sardinia compensated France by the transfer. Had it not been an opinion among Englishmen, especially among those who frequented the House of Commons and the clubs during the last year, that by the success of the French in the Italian war Sardinia had been placed, to a certain extent, under the power of France, and that, consequently, France had gained an almost perpetual alliance in the Mediterranean, Sardinia, in the sense the Emperor of the French meant to consult them; but the very moment Sardinia is to be politically worthless. He did not wish to be misunderstood. If Sardinia had compensated France by the cession of that territory, and had, therefore, disengaged herself from any feeling of gratitude or submission to France consequent on what France had done for her in the Italian war, then, he thought, that England might be glad that that score had been settled, rather than that Sardinia, for the future, should consider herself greatly indebted to France, and therefore bound up in a perpetual political alliance with France. He did not believe that Mr. Horsman wanted in the least a war with France. On the contrary, all he wanted was a war with gentlemen seated on the Treasury bench. But in entering upon hostilities he would give the right hon. gentleman this piece of advice, that he should not begin the assault when the Treasury bench happened to be in the right. He condemned these discussions as irritating to the French nation, and denounced a portion of daily and especially one particular organ, as a "mixture of piety and ruffianism," which addressed itself to the lowest orders of the community for indulging in language with reference to the policy, and acts of the Emperor of the French, that was calculated, if it produced any effect at all, only to embitter the relations subsisting between the two countries. He objected to putting the House in the humiliating position of barking without meaning to bite, and making it the common scold of Europe. For a policy of isolation he did not ask, but isolation would be better than incessant meddling, and he hoped the policy of the noble lord would be to move with France where we ought to move, to truckle to no Power in Europe, and so to conduct the Government that other countries might see that England was a nation that regarded its own interests mainly, that interfered not in the affairs of European countries when it could be avoided, but when it interfered did so, not for the sake of degrading this Power or insulting that, but in favour of those principles of justice and moderation which were our only true policy.

After some observations from Lord C. HAMILTON, in a similar vein to those of Lord J. Manners,

Mr. KINGLAKE said, I can assure the House, sir, that I have not the slightest intention of attempting to address it on the present occasion at any length, and I am very sorry that I should be obliged to do so at all; but the observations that the hon. member for Birmingham thought proper to make in regard to my conduct upon this question leave me no option. Sir, the speech of the hon. member for Birmingham was truly characteristic of the man. For it is truly characteristic of the man, because disclosed in every sentence that firm reliance in the infallibility of his own opinions, and that total ignorance of the views of other honourable members, which mark the character of the hon. gentleman. He began by imputing to me that I had interested myself in these transactions in the character of a person interested on behalf of Sardinia; but if he had only done me the favour to lend to the statements which I made to the House even the most languid attention he would have found that I was the man who came down to the House, and, having stated the facts, left them with the House, and, having stated the facts, left them with the House, and, having stated the facts, left them with

Foreign Intelligence.

FRANCE AND ITALY.

M. Granier de Cassagnac writes at considerable length in the *Pays* on Italian affairs, *apropos* to the withdrawal of the French troops from Lombardy. The moment has come, he says, for considering to what extent those objects have been attained for which they were originally sent across the frontier. He promises that no feeling of irritation towards Sardinia in the cause of their recall, which is naturally explained by the vote in the Duchies, Tuscany, and the Emilia. Without having been organised completely in accordance with the advice of France, Upper Italy now contains sufficient elements of order to be left to herself with safety. The wishes of France were for the consolidation of a new State, but the work of her soldiers is over, now that the work of the population themselves has begun. M. de Cassagnac points to three motives as these which actuated France in her Italian policy. The first was the desire of putting an end to the exaggerated influence of Austria in Italy, and it will be acknowledged that the object has been completely attained. The second was that of removing the feeling of irritation which had been produced in Italy by foreign domination, and substituting a national spirit. It would be too much to say that habits of conspiracy had completely disappeared from Italy, but the complete oblivion into which Mazzini has fallen is a good augury. The third object has not been attained. It was that of forming an Italian Confederation. This plan has been frustrated by others, but time will show which would have been best. From the actual organisation adopted, two dangers are to be apprehended—a policy of enmity towards the Holy See, which cannot be countenanced by France or Catholism, and a policy of enmity towards the Two Sicilies the consequences of which cannot fail to be fatal to the aggressor. Sardinia has simply annexed the Romagna, but to annex territory is not always to solve questions. From the day when Sardinia shall become a source of agitation in Italy all her new grandeur will be compromised. M. de Cassagnac concludes by advising Sardinia to devote herself to the promotion of internal prosperity and good government.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, MARCH 23.—A lively correspondence respecting Savoy is still going on between England, Prussia, Austria, and Russia, but, as I have repeatedly observed, Austria will, for the present, remain passive, though it is morally certain that her rulers will take advantage of any opportunity that may present itself for regaining the ground lost in Italy. The Austrians believe that the new Kingdom of Sardinia might easily be overthrown if the French would leave it to its fate, and very many Germans profess to be of the same way of thinking. The Archduke Leopold, the Chief of the Engineers, is now inspecting the different fortified places in Venetia, and very large quantities of provisions, ammunition, &c., have recently been sent to Venice, Verona, Legnago, Mantua, and Peschiera. The six gunboats mentioned in my letter of the 21st inst. are intended for the Po, and will be stationed at the mouths of that river. For some time past very large quantities of maize, barley, and oats have been sent from Venetia to Lombardy, but the export of corn from Austria to Sardinia has now been prohibited.

The Bavarian Government has ordered all the police authorities in the kingdom to see that no recruits are privately or publicly raised for foreign potentates. Regularly every week men recruited in Austria leave Trieste for Ancona, where no fewer than 900 Viennese have already been landed. As the strength of the Papal army is to be raised to 30,000 men, M. Neri, one of the *employes* in the Finance Department, has been sent from Rome to Brussels to negociate a loan of 10,000,000 scudi.

SAVOY AND NICE.

The *Courrier de Dimanche* believes that the Austrian, Russian, and Prussian replies to the circular of the 15th of March have been already received at Paris. The Austrian reply simply informs the French Government that an answer has been made to the overtures from London. The Russian reply is a sort of funeral oration over the treaties of 1815, but to the effect that Russia will not prevent the annexation of Savoy, as this is accomplished with the free consent of the King of Sardinia. The Prussian note appears to be more energetic, but M. de Schleinitz refrains from committing himself till his Government shall have agreed with that of England on the course to be pursued.

GERMAN OPINIONS.

The *Allgemeine Zeitung* has an article on "Self-Government" and "Universal Suffrage," in which it refers to the European politics of the present day, and especially defends English institutions against the attacks of the French press. It says:—

"Unless we are completely deceived, public opinion in England begins to see clearer into the matter of the 2nd of December, and to adopt the convictions of Germany. The symptoms are more and more in accord; the conduct of all parties is beginning to harmonise; it is assuming a definite form; it appears a Power on the stage of the world. Public opinion in Germany is a thought which to speak in the world has need, of the same time, action."

The debates in Parliament and in the press are precursory signs; the time will come when the people will stir themselves, will meet, make speeches, will press the Ministers; and the time is gone by for the entry of Austria into the Lomelline (Novara) to be called a crime. The movement has begun; the masses are beginning to agitate; we shall end by seeing them share our convictions. The *Times* is right when it says that at this day a Minister would be sent to Bedlam who should make war on account of Savoy; but to-morrow he would go of himself to Bedlam if he refused to make war for a straw, when the public opinion of England held that that straw should be attacked. The *Constitutionnel* seems to have a presentiment of this, and to know that the coalition which it would conjure by its pleasantries is nearer than its wishes, and that France has a vague feeling of its coming. The *Constitutionnel* does well to watch attentively public opinion in England, for it is the immense value of self-government and its importance in the world to create coalitions that can not be torn. And, thank God, in spite of thousands of things, England will find a different Germany from them. If she comes to seek us now, she will find us ready and worthy of giving her our hand. England and Germany have to-day no need of a Pitt to make an alliance, but may, if need be, content themselves with a Russell."

THE INDIAN BUDGET.

Mr. Wilson made his financial statement in the Council of India on the 18th of February. It occupied three hours in delivery. The leading men of all classes in Calcutta, merchants, civil and military officers, Bengalees, Parsees, and others crowded the Chamber to hear it. The following is an outline of the statement:—

After an introduction, in which he referred to his own appointment to the bill previously introduced by Mr. Harington, and now abandoned, and to the events of the rebellion, and the financial disorder to which it had given rise, Mr. Wilson pledged himself to lay before the Council, "without suppression on the one hand, and without exaggeration on the other, the exact state of the financial position." Government itself suffers most from secrecy or uncertainty. Though India has no representative assembly, and it may be idle to speculate on the time when it will have such an institution, there is an enlightened public opinion, a free press, and free discussion—all necessary elements of a prosperous, social structure; by frankness will the sympathies and aid of the public best be enlisted.

The final estimate of the income and expenditure of 1859-60 shows a deficit in India and England of £9,290,129, or nearly three millions more than the accounts sent home by the Government of India in September last. This large discrepancy is owing to a mistake in the military expenditure of Bombay of £600,000, and in the commissariat of Madras of £300,000; while the estimated receipts from proposed taxes to the extent of three-fourths of a million proved a failure, there was an unexpected increase in the Public Works Department, the railway account was wrong by £833,000, and the Home charges showed an increase of £640,000; the whole amounting to upwards of three millions. The September statement was issued in good faith, but such errors as these are a proof of the necessity for an immediate and radical change of the system which originated them. The actual deficit of 9¼ millions arises thus:—

Income	...	...	...	£37,706,209
Charges (including stores from England)				41,770,008
Deficit in India	...	...		£4,063,809
Deduct railway returns	...	...		280,200
				3,783,609
Add deficit in England	...	...		5,507,020
Total deficit	...			£9,290,129

If we deduct from this the million allowed for compensation, a decrease in the military charges of 1¼ million, and an increase of income from the salt duties of £410,000, the estimated deficit of next year, 1860-61, will be 6½ millions. If to these two deficits we add those of 1857-58 and 1858-59, we have a total deficiency of 37 millions, which with interest will give 40 millions sterling as the cost to India of her rebellion. The total India debt at the present moment is £97,851,807, of which 26½ millions is in London, and the annual charge for interest is £4,461,029.

We must not lull ourselves into composure by the fact that there have been financial difficulties before, and that they have been surmounted by no extraordinary sacrifices. The deficit in Lord Amherst's time, owing to the Nepaul and Mahratta wars, was only three millions. Lord William Bentinck, after the Burmese war, had to cope with a deficit of five years, amounting to only £14,300,000. When Sir Robert Peel revolutionised English finance in 1842, he had to meet a difficulty of little more than ten millions, the accumulation of six years. We have to deal with a deficit of upwards of £37,000,000, the fruit of only four years, with a present lack of 9½ and a prospective want of 6 millions.

Deficit has been the almost normal state of Indian finance. In the 26 years since 1834, when the trading functions of the Company ceased, there was a surplus for only 7 years; the remaining 19 exhibited large deficiencies. Of the 59 years of the present century there were only 15 in which large additions were not made to the debt. We cannot be content to continue in this state. And this is not the only source of uneasiness as to our revenue. The five millions a year derived from the sale of opium are insecure. It is not wise for a great empire to rely for more than half its income on the land, and so to run the risk of oppressing the people and impoverishing the exchequer. But bad as is our condition there is no ground for despair. Everything points to a prosperous future. Nowhere can be found a richer soil, a finer climate, a more docile and industrious population than in India. Her capabilities for development are immense; her railways have proved a great success. The increase of her commerce since 1834 is astounding; it has risen from 13 to 60 millions sterling. Her internal prosperity has been equally great. The sales of estates for default, which in 1834-5 represented an annual rent of £95,650, were in 1858-9 only £1,449. Arrears of land revenue have almost ceased to exist. The labouring and cultivating classes have shared in the general prosperity. Wages have risen in the last few years in many cases threefold. This anomaly of the absence of sympathy between the finances and the commerce of India must be removed. All must contribute their share. Expenditure must be reduced, but recourse must be had to new sources of taxation. At present the whole amount of taxes paid by India is £9,027,973 a year, for the land revenue is rent, and China pays for opium. With a population of 132,292,000 India is taxed only 1s 4d a head, while in England the rate per head is £2 3s.

SOUTH AMERICAN AND PATAGONIAN MISSION.

The Annual Meeting of the Dublin Auxiliary of the above valuable Missionary Society was held yesterday, in the Pillar Room of the Rotunda. There were present—The Venerable the Lord Archbishop of Dublin; the Archdeacon of Dublin; the Archdeacon of Glendalough; the Dean of St. Patrick's; Rev. William Gray, Travelling Secretary to the Society; Rev. Alexander Pollock, A.M.; Rev. Mr. Herd, &c., &c. Shortly after one o'clock the chair was taken by

His Grace the Archbishop of DUBLIN.

The meeting having been opened with prayer,

The Secretary read a statement of the society's accounts for the past year.

His Grace said—I could have wished to see a larger attendance here to-day; but I trust that you present will take means to make known to your friends who are absent the particulars you will hear to-day respecting this most important society, for which I have done all I could to aid and encourage from the beginning. You will hear some details respecting the mission during our proceedings; but I wish to make one remark in reference to them, in order to remove any prejudice which might exist in reference to the progress of the work. Its progress is slow, and made by cautious and gradual steps. There are some persons, perhaps, who are too impatient to bring the light of the Gospel all at once to the darkness of the heathen in a country we are conversant with. I believe the society is proceeding in the wisest and most rational manner, by making civilisation and religion go hand in hand. I believe the savage, so long as he continues a savage, is incapable of being a Christian. The characteristic of savages is improvidence. The man who can be hardly brought to think of to-morrow, much less to sow his land in the hope of reaping a harvest in five or six months afterwards, will listen with great apathy when spoken to about the next world. They should see the example of civilised men provident in the things of this world, and be taught the common arts of life. Then they will be brought to see that those persons have their interests and welfare at heart, and gradually learn the advantages of providence and forethought. You will find the result will be that they will be brought to place their dependence and faith at last on the things which are seen and temporal, but on the things which are not seen and are eternal. That is the way we train children. What would be the use of telling a child of two or three years old what is to happen in after life or after death? He can be only brought to comprehend some immediate benefit or advantage. As he grows older, he will come to think of some reward to be given him three months hence, at the end of a school or college term. By degress we are led on, by little and little, to place our faith in that which is more remote, and, of course, if we proceed like real rational human beings, we will be enabled, by Divine Grace, to place our hopes, anxieties, and cares, not on the things of this world, but the next. That is the way we must proceed with savages, who are, in fact, adult children. They must be taught to place faith in what is more and more remote—First, in that which will take place in six months, or a year; and then they will be brought at last to think of the care of their eternal souls. Let no one, therefore, disparage this society for proceeding slowly, by teaching, first, the rudiments of civilisation on Arts of life, and laying, by that means, the foundation ledge. (Applause.) structure of future knowledge.

The Rev. Wm. Gray, travelling secretary to the society, proposed the first resolution, to the effect that the meeting, considering the great difficulties with which the society had to contend during the past year, received the statement of accounts submitted by the secretary with satisfaction, and accepted it as a pledge of increasing interest and aid on the part of the Dublin auxiliary under the altered and more hopeful circumstances of the mission. He said he remembered perfectly well when first he became acquainted with the society. Mr. Stirling, who was the secretary in Clifden, had just returned from Dublin. When he had gone there he said there seemed to be a dark cloud hanging over the minds of those who had formerly taken an interest in that society. He almost despaired of making any impression, as the first thing that was done was to point out to him every journal and magazine in which any unfavourable notice of the society had appeared. When the Dublin clergy, however, were satisfied that the statements put forth in reference to the society were not founded on fact, then, indeed, they entered with the warmest spirit into the matter. Immediately after this he was called to London, and the effect of the proceedings in Dublin, in aid of the society, was to excite there an interest in its welfare which had not flagged. Since last year they had been sent a sum of £50 by the Dublin clergy, who had searched after the truth. One of the difficulties which beset the society at that time arose from the misstatement of the late master of the Allen Gardiner, Capt. Snow, who by his conduct had very considerably decreased the income of the society. That difficulty had since, most happily, passed away. He was set aside by the Falkland authorities when their chief missionary, the Rev. G. P. Despard, went out. Captain Snow had been sent out without a head missionary, and, in consequence of being left without control, he fancied that he had a right to be head of the mission independently of the mission itself, and perfectly independent of the committee. When Mr. Despard went out, he found Captain Snow unwilling to work under him in any way; in fact, he refused to give him up the missionary vessel. The whole matter was referred to the Falkland authorities, and they proceeded so far as to plant cannon towards the harbour so as to command the vessel, and said that if Captain Snow would attempt to take the vessel out without authority cannon would be fired into her. He came home and appealed to the committee, who gave him £50 for his travelling expenses, but decided that he was completely wrong and that Mr. Despard was right. Captain Snow then appealed to Parliament, but the matter dropped, there being no case. The correspondence was published which passed between the Falkland authorities, Mr. Despard, and Captain Snow. Not satisfied with going before Parliament, he brought the matter before a court of law, but the judge, after hearing him for eight hours, was of opinion he had no case, as he stood in the position of a servant; that Mr. Despard was in the position of a master over him, that he was disobedient, and rightfully dismissed. The only case he could establish was, that he wished to return to his duties, but was not allowed. Time was granted to allow him to send for some papers to Falkland, which, he said, were material; but he only damaged his own case; and, when it was brought on again, the jury, without retiring from the box, gave a verdict in favour of the committee. Towards the expenses of that most vexatious litigation, they had paid about £50, of which they had received £44. He trusted other friends would enable them to pay the residue Another difficulty then arose. Menbegan to say that they had established their mission in the Falklands, and not on the mainland, and that they thought it was wrong, as the natives could never be got to come from Tierra del Fuego, and settle there. But that difficulty and objection were set aside by the fact of James Button and his family, together with others, being brought over to the Falklands. Then it was said, that though they had got the natives to come over, it was a very expensive plan, and not the wisest one. But that was not so. It was likewise said the language could be learned easier in Tierra del Fuego than on the Falklands. That was not the case. Captain Gardiner found it an utter impossibility to do so, surrounded as he was with so much tumult and noise. They found they could learn the language exceedingly well in the Falklands and having nine natives under their own care, they learned it very rapidly. Four hundred words were acquired from James Button, and the missionaries had learned one thousand words from other natives. Mr. Despard and his family could communicate with the greatest ease with those natives. Again, it was said to them they ought to go to the mainland, where they could show a missionary spirit and where a missionary association was bred up, that they had no claim to be where they were, and that the Chilian or Buenos Ayrian Government, who both claimed the territory, might come and banish them. He had gone to the Foreign Office and asked whether it would be safe to settle on the Elizabeth Island in the Magellan Straits; and from the answers received he found it would be unsafe. They had, however, founded their settlement on the Falklands, where they lived at small expense, and were gradually acquiring the language. The rev. speaker here pointed out the position of the missionary settlements on some maps which had been prepared. After that difficulty had passed away, another difficulty presented itself. They were told they had no power to civilise those people. They might speak of bringing the Gospel to bear upon them, but that they could not civilise them in a country in which they had no food or clothing. That difficulty was answered by the fact, that in the country itself they could rear any amount of vegetables, and the Fuegian savage was extremely fond of vegetable diet. Therefore the means of feeding them were found to exist. The land would feed cattle, so that the natives could be made herdsmen of, and the country afforded many other resources for employment. He had lived in the Bahamas for ten years, and had seen as many as fifteen wrecks brought into the harbour in one month, and the wreckers were about and saved the lives of the crew. That would afford another means of employment to the native Fuegian, if provided with vessels. There were plenty of means for raising the condition of those poor savages, and it should not be said they could not get the means of civilising themselves. On the contrary, the country was filled with beauty and with plenty, and all over the coast of Tierra del Fuego vessels could be seen laden with abundance. (Applause.) Now that these difficulties had been removed, it was pleasant to see the progress which had been made. The natives who had been brought over to the settlement had done well. When Jemmy Button was brought back to the Falkland Islands by Mr. Despard he exhibited at first willingness to work, but he soon tired, and it was only when he was promised a reward that he resumed his labour. Mr. Despard had some ship biscuits, and offered one for each tree felled. This produced the desired effect: the man, seeing a chance of immediate reward, set to work, and carried burdens which the sailors were not able to lift. Mr. Despard, having remained for some time among the natives, asked would any of them accompany him on his intended journey, and so numerous were the applications that he was obliged to make a selection. He selected three most intelligent men and their wives, two lads aged respectively 14 and 16 years, and a little baby girl, named Katty. These were brought over to the settlement, and immediately the work of training commenced. Some were instructed by the catechist, some were placed under the care of Mrs. Phillips, and some under the care of Mrs. Despard. The first sign of reformation was that they washed themselves frequently, under the belief that they would become white if they washed themselves often enough. (Laughter). They also commenced to keep their dwellings clean, and to wear their clothes as English people used to do, not as they were in the habit of wearing them—namely, tear up a petticoat and make bracelets of it for their legs and arms. Then they assisted in the household duties at Mr. Despard's, and sometimes went over to him to tea, at which they conducted themselves very creditably. The lads learned the English language, and, in time, assisted Mr. Despard in acquiring a knowledge of their native tongue. They also learned to draw a little, and also to sing. Their natural powers were great, and their minds seemed to be exactly catching at the notion which filled the mind of the teacher, and which he wished to impress on them. This was unquestionably a great improvement on their primeval state. When the society first met with them, they had no notion of a God: they did not understand that such a being existed, they had some notion about the devil—that was, they believed there was an evil spirit, and that if they named him he would appear and punish them. They had now learned there was a God who loved them, a Christ who died for them, and a Holy Spirit ready to sanctify them. (Hear, hear.) These great truths they had grasped, no doubt, in an imperfect way; but still they had grasped them and carried them back to their country. The progress made on the Falkland Islands had been very great, and, now that they were left to themselves, it was to be hoped that the good seed sown would, in due time, produce good fruit. He believed that Jemmy Button, and those with him, would be going back to their own country, and next year the Christian public might expect to hear of still greater progress, because these men would be made available for preaching the truths they had learned to their countrymen. In Patagonia they had sent out a missionary, Mr. Schmid, and he had been resident there for ten months. When he went there he found the natives immersed in the most absurd superstitions. When a man died his favourite horse was killed, stuffed, and placed to watch over his grave, the belief being that the deceased would have this horse to ride in the next world. It was to such a country, whose people entertained such heathenish notions, that M. Schmid had gone. Although a small, asthmatic man, he learned to ride in order that he might carry on intercourse with the natives who were great equestrians, to learn their language, and, if possible, to get them to settle down. Their present habits were to hunt wild animals over a large tract of country, for the purpose of their skins, and the feathers of the ostriches, which they exchanged for drink and tobacco. When they had procured this exchange, they retired to the interior of the country, and got very drunk, and smoked away their tobacco, fancying they had attained the *summum bonum* of human happiness. The first thing to be done was, to teach them to cultivate the land and grow maize. If once they began to grow crops, there was no doubt but they would settle down. This plan had been tried in Africa and it succeeded. They had with Mr. Schmidt a truly Christian man, named Hemzigen. He was a man very devoted to the cause, and of the rarest possible spirit. He (Mr. Grey) heard him deliver a speech at Clifton, and he never was more struck. He knew the difficulties and dangers that were before him, yet he faced them boldly, and in writing afterwards he said, "My lot has fallen to me in a pleasant place—yea, I have a Godly heritage." Then they had Mr. Gardiner (son of Captain Gardiner), and he was going to Chili or Falkland Islands. His first intention was that he would go to Chili; but he now seemed to think it would be better for him to join Mr. Despard, and act in the capacity of medical missionary, which was very much wanted. They had now steamers plying along the Amazon, and consequently there was no difficulty in penetrating into Brazil. The Government there offered no opposition, being most liberal in its policy, and they had also access to other parts of the country where there were valuable silver and coal mines. Their way was open to the centre of South America. The agency brought to bear was—on the North they had the Gospel Propagation Society, the agents of which had come in contact with some of the Indians, and they reported that these savages were easily dealt with; around the coast of Brazil they had the Spanish Evangelisation Society, and it connected the Western coast; on the South coast they had the Bible Society preparing their way. There were about 240 colonists there now, and they had their schoolmaster and pastor. This was a most interesting colony; in fact, so great was the interest manifested in it, that he saw in the *Times*, a few days since, that at a small meeting held in Manchester, in aid of the funds of the mission, upwards of £200 were subscribed. Their way was quite clear to go on as they had begun, and to advance as God had allowed them to advance, going to the mainland when it was possible and safe for them to go, and going on gradually, but surely, with their work. He did not believe but that the interest excited in Dublin would increase, for all their difficulties had passed away. He had great pleasure in thanking them for the aid and support they had given, and in proposing the resolution which he had proposed at the commencement.

The Venerable the Archdeacon of Dublin seconded the resolution. He trusted that the effect of the statements which had been made would be to augment the number of the society's supporters, and stimulate them to increased exertions.

The resolution was then put from the chair and carried unanimously.

The Dean of St. Patrick's moved the next resolution:—"That this meeting has heard with much pleasure the progress already made in the acquisition of the Tekeenica dialect, and in the instruction of the natives, and feels that this gives ground for gratitude to God, and hopeful anticipation of future success." He could not add anything to the statement they had just heard, and, therefore, his observations would be very few. He could not help remembering that they were engaged in a work which should prosper, because the Almighty said, "the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

Therefore they were perfectly certain as to the results of their labours, especially when they considered what a large extent of country was open to their exertion. He trusted that God would make them the instruments in this work. They should remember likewise what history told them. The people of Great Britain, who now boasted of such civilisation, were at one time no better than the people of Patagonia. There was a time when they were only known as naked savages, with their skins stained blue. Yet God, in his Providence, by sending them the grace of the Gospel, and bringing them in contact with more civilised nations, had taught them now the cultivation of everything pure, holy, and godly, and they were now pursuing a course that brought a blessing on itself and a blessing on others. It was most natural that persons should ask, "How are we to reach with certainty those natives—their language is not a heathen one, and how can we come in contact with them personally?" To this he answered, "You can." They should do this individually if they would do it at all, for they should do it by prayer. If they offered up prayer and supplication in the name of Him who could do it, they knew that in his own day and in his own way *He* would bring these things to pass. It was not for them to know the times and the seasons which the Lord had committed into His power. But they did know, and rejoice to know, what the result would be in the end—namely, that God would cause His glory to shine forth in all lands. If individuals were imbued with this notion, and acted upon it, good results would soon follow. He trusted their next meeting would be more largely attended, and that in the meantime the agents of the society would be active in spreading abroad the truths of the Gospel. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. A. Pollock, A.M., seconded the resolution, and said he always felt it an honour and a pleasure to take a part, however subordinate, in the proceedings of the society, because he thought so long as there was any field in the world where there were souls capable of being saved by the instrumentality of Christ's Life-giving Gospel, that there was a call given to the Church to go in and occupy the land. As yet, that society, and the hold it had upon the affections of the people of Dublin, was still only in its commencement. It was with them a day of small things as yet. He trusted, however, as they had recently seen several societies grow up amongst them from even smaller beginnings, until they ranked in a position of great importance and extent, that a similar course would be followed by the Patagonian Society, and that a similar future was in store for it. It only required that Christian people should be made fully aware of the deep and pressing necessity of their case, in order that they might open their hands wide and extend to the society their most liberal sympathy and contributions, for what could be more degrading and less human than the state in which they found those fine stalwart men, great animals, but animals alone, going away into eternity without one hope, and they being, at the same time, within the voice of Christian influence. To some degree it only required greater cordiality and self-denial on their part, in order that with the Divine blessing they might Christianise them. They should not be deterred by difficulties in undertaking an enterprise of this kind. People would say, Why not go into a more hopeful quarter of the field of labour? but he thought the choice of quarters was not a question that properly belonged to the Church at all. The Church of Christ co-extensive with the world's inhabitants themselves, in all their number, and in all their variety. God, by the mouth of the eternal Redeemer, said, "Go not where they will receive you, or where you will make great progress, but go into all the world." Consequently, wherever they found human beings capable of being Christianised, and still lying outside the pale of the Church, and in the darkness of heathendom, there they should hear the Lord speaking imperatively to them, "Go ye therefore and forget not the one field, but despise not this for another field." He thought they could not possibly do too great honour to the Christian self-denial of those missionaries who had gone forth to labour in that apparently hopeless quarter of the globe's surface. When they heard of people at home sitting at ease, and talking of the difficulties with which Christianity had to contend, they should picture to themselves what it would require of them before they could make up their minds, and find a home, perhaps a grave, amongst the uncouth savages of South America. The heart of the man who could select such for his field of labour must be dead, through the grace of God, to all earthly emotion; to use the words of the Redeemer himself—"To give up father and mother, wife and kindred, sister and brother, and lands, for his sake and the Gospel's sake. However they might admire the missionary going to such quarters of the globe as Calcutta or Madras, or even China or Japan, or the comparatively civilised islands of the South Sea, all sunk into significance as compared with the small heroic band of labourers who had gone out to the Falklands, where, in all probability, they would receive no honour to their dying day from man, but where they must look for the applause that cometh from God only. It was for them to strengthen their hands by every means in their power. They talked ardently of the importance of missionary work, and they sometimes imagined their hearts were very fervent for the spread of Christ's Kingdom, but let them ask themselves, in all truth and sincerity, and uncompromising searching of heart, how much they were ready to do for the spread of that blessed Gospel in these, the most benighted parts of the globe? God had apparently prospered the work, although the measure of success as yet had been small. He recollected very intimately, three or four years ago, his Grace of Dublin presiding over a meeting of the society, in which the most that could be said was that they hoped at some time the mission would be got into shape; and when the utmost they had to tell was the mournful tale of Captain Gardiner's martyred death. At that meeting they had more to tell. They had heard a new expedition had been organised, and that they were then allocating and apportioning out the several fields of labour according to each missioner's capacity. Furthermore, it appeared they had got access in some degree to the natives. The resolution he had the honour to second spoke of the progress already being made in the acquisition of the Tekeenica dialect, and the instruction of the natives. He understood from the secretary it was one of the Fuegian dialects of their language, and as the Fuegian coast was the one on which they lived, if they could get the mastery of even this one dialect they would by that means have a comparatively open door to exercise an influence over the natives. After some further observations he said he believed that a great deal of their interest in Christian missions and other things deserved the somewhat undignified name of claptraps. If a society had a good many catching stories to tell, people would be rushing for tickets, and the room would be thronged half an hour before the proceedings commenced, but if it had none of those attractive appearances, the interest was correspondingly slack. They should support that society as a matter of duty, and whether they were outwardly interested in it or not, they should as Christians be inwardly interested in it, and do their utmost to support it, not for the sake of making a show before the public, but for the sake of doing a Christian work which God had placed before them. In conclusion, the Rev. Mr. Pollock said, that it rested with those into whose hearts God had put the desire, and in whose hands He had placed the means—it rested with them to say whether the good work should prosper, and whether it should be said the Christian world were doing their duty, with regard to the call that was then made upon them. (Applause).

The Honourable the Archdeacon of Glendalough, proposed the following resolution:—"That the gentlemen whose names have been read to you form a committee of officers for the ensuing year. President—His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin. Committee—The Archdeacon of Dublin, Rev. John Alcock, Rev. A. M. Pollock, Rev. H. H. Dickinson, Espine Batty, Esq.; Rev. J. B. Heard. Treasurers and Secretaries—Charles B. Wall, Esq., Rev. J. George Scott."

The Rev. J. B. Heard, in seconding the resolution, observed that he wished to express to the Rev. William Gray the entire satisfaction which was felt in the statement he had made. It was a very disagreeable thing to have to assume a tone of apology, year after year. It reminded him of an old French proverb, which said that people in excusing themselves were in reality accusing themselves. Now, they had no longer to come forward with apologies. He was of opinion that the committee in Bristol had acted with excellent judgment, in the course they had taken with regard to the disagreeable lawsuit they had with Captain Snow. Before he sat down, he would like to set the meeting right about one little matter which occurred in Mr. Gray's speech. He said that the natives might become "wreckers." This expression might convey a wrong impression. The word "wreckers," was not meant in the sense in which it was usually received here; but it meant simply that they might be taught to save life and property about their native coasts. It was his conviction their mission was no wild, dreamy experiment. They were not, in undertaking to Christianise the people of Patagonia, attempting any experiment that had never been tried before. For fifty years such a mission was in operation, and it had been attended with comparative success. The principle of action laid down by his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin was pursued in the case of the New Zealanders, and with great success. He concluded by seconding the resolution.

The resolution was then put and carried.

The Rev. Mr. Scott proposed a vote of thanks to his Grace the Lord Archbishop, which was carried with acclamation.

The Doxology was then chanted, and the proceedings terminated.

THE TELEGRAPH IN FRANCE.—A reform which would be hailed by the commercial and industrious classes with great satisfaction is under serious consideration—it is the lowering of the tariff for telegraphic messages. Such a change can be effected without the least fear of any loss of revenue, since a reduction in the charges would certainly result in a large increase of business. No principle is now better understood than that small taxes produce infinitely more than large ones, because in place of depending solely on a privileged class they have the mass of the population for tributaries. This has been amply proved by the great increase in the number of letters passing through the post-office since the postage was reduced.—*Echo Agricole.*

EXCOMMUNICATION.—The *Union* explains in the following terms the nature of excommunication from the Church of Rome:—"Theologians generally define excommunication as 'an ecclesiastical sentence by which a person is excluded from the number of the members of the Church.' Such are Bergier's terms. The Abbe Lequeux is more explicit—'Excommunication,' says he, 'is an ecclesiastical censure which deprives a person, wholly or partially, of the claims he has on the common benefits of the Church, to punish him for disobedience in some grave matter. There are several degrees of excommunication; the major excommunication is attended with very serious consequences; for instance, it deprives a person of all participation in the public prayers which the Church makes for the faithful; of the right of administering or receiving the sacraments; of the right of attending Divine service &c. Such is, in brief, the ecclesiastical meaning of the word excommunication.

The action against Lord Llanover for libel, which occasions so much interest in the county of Monmouth, will not be tried at the present assizes. The plaintiff, Captain Stone, has postponed the trial. Mr. Edwin James was specially retained for the noble defendant.

YESTERDAY'S DESPATCHES.

THE FOLLOWING APPEARED IN OUR SECOND AND THIRD EDITIONS OF YESTERDAY:—

RUMOURED ALLIANCE.

The *Herald* says that boastful rumours are circulated in Paris, of an alliance between Russia, Austria, and France, against England and Prussia.

SWITZERLAND

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* says, that General Dufour, so far from being satisfied with the assurances of the Emperor Napoleon, returned to Switzerland in a state of consternation at what the Helvetic Confederation may be reduced to by the annexation of Savoy to France.

SARDINIA.

TURIN, TUESDAY.—M. Negra has been appointed Minister President of Sardinia at Paris.

GENOA, MARCH 27.—A squadron of Sardinian troops has left for Tuscany.

COMMERCIAL.

The price of English copper was yesterday reduced to 10s per ton for unmanufactured, and ¼d per lb. for sheet.

SAVOY.

PARIS, TUESDAY MORNING.—The *Constitutionnel* of this morning says, the French battalions returning from Italy have entered Savoy.

SPAIN AND MOROCCO.

MADRID, MARCH 26.—The preliminaries of peace were signed at two o'clock, p.m. yesterday, and an armistice was concluded.

NEW ASPECT OF FOREIGN POLITICS.

The *Times* looks upon the debate in the House of Commons, last night, as a point of departure for new complications in Europe. Lord J. Russell, as Minister for Foreign Affairs, declares that he no longer feels any confidence in the moderation or peaceful intentions of the Emperor of the French. He anticipates that the Emperor will be led to commit other acts of aggression, the consequence of which must be to estrange England from the side of France, and induce her to seek safety in the society of other nations of Europe.

PROPOSED CONGRESS.

The *Herald* understands it is likely that a Congress of the Great Powers will be held in the course of a few weeks, and that the place of meeting will be London.

FOREIGN LOANS.

Sweden announces her intention to raise a foreign loan of five and a half millions sterling, for railway purposes, and invites tenders from foreign capitalists. The sum is considered a large one for a small State.

Paris letters mention that new attempts are expected to be made to raise a rather considerable Russian loan, but there will be little prospect of its finding favour.

The price of the new Australian 6 per cent. loan will be about 95¾ at Vienna, reckoning the depreciated paper with which it is to be met; and this would be equal to only £71 sterling, still it is not expected there will be any subscribers except under a system of virtual compulsion.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The hired shipwrights now employed in Portsmouth dockyard in excess of the authorised number are to be discharged at the rate of 50 per week; the other trades in proportion. The first discharge will take place on Saturday next.

The *Times* remarks that it is an unhappy time to declare ourselves slighted and betrayed. The Emperor has gained all his objects. He has crippled Austria, neutralised Russia, and conciliated Italy; and this ends, according to the *Times*, that strong hope of mutual confidence and good will, based upon commercial intercourse.

The *Times* city article exposes the ill-judged policy of the Portuguese Government, in its dealings with foreign capitalists, and adduces a flagrant example in the case of Sir Morton Peto, whose claims, though admitted, are shuffled off in the shabbiest manner.

RAILWAYS.

The Railway market again presented a very firm appearance yesterday, and closed steadily at a further advance. Great Northern A stock about 1¼ per cent. higher, and London and North Western, Lancashire and Yorkshire, Great Western, and North British, ¾ to ⅞. Other descriptions show a rise of ¼ to ½ per cent. Great Northern A Stock has risen about 17 per cent. since this day month, and appears to be now as scarce in the market as ever.

WANTON OUTRAGE AT BIRR.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Between one and two o'clock on Sunday morning last, the family of Mr. Richard C. Ham, residing on the outskirts of Birr, were terror-stricken, and alarmed out of their sleep by a volley of stones being hurled with great force through the bedroom and parlour windows, breaking and carrying away the window sashes. One stone, weighing a quarter of a stone, was impelled with such force through the window of the bed-room occupied by Mr. Ham that it struck the opposite wall, making a deep indention, and recoiling to the middle of the room. Fortunately the occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Ham, and an infant, were preserved from injury. No reason can be assigned for this attack. Mr. Ham is clerk to the collector of Inland Revenue.

THE LATE FIRE AT BIRR CASTLE.

The injury done by the fire last week at the seat of the Earl of Rosse was considerably more than was at first supposed, and is estimated at over two hundred pounds.

TUAM GAS COMPANY (LIMITED).

The directors have awarded Mr. Wm. Daniel, of Marvstreet, the prize offered by them for the best plans and specifications for a Gas Works, suitable to their town; the gas to be manufactured from either peat or coal.

This is the second prize awarded to Mr. Daniel, the directors of the Tullamore Gas Company having also declared in favour of his plans for their town.

SHIPPING.

QUEENSTOWN.—Wind S.W., thick and misty. Arrived—Esther and Sophie from Porto Rico; Sardinia, Sunderland, Aden; fore and mainmasts gone, and sails cut away. Abner Stetson, Callao. Sailed—Guiseppe Antonio for Bristol; Pader Anens, Pembroke.

BELFAST.—Wind N.W. Arrived—William and Martha from Nantes; Norgernen, Norway. The Enterprise has been condemned and will become a total wreck.

LIVERPOOL CORN MARKET, MARCH 26.—(Messrs. Morton, Brothers, and Maddock's Report.)—Good attendance, and a lively trade is passing in wheat, at 4d. per cental improvement since Friday last; and flour at 1s per sack advance. Oats and oatmeal quiet, but held for rather more money. A strong demand for Indian corn, at 1s per quarter advance.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET, MARCH 26.—Market quiet. Sales probably about 3,000, or more. Imports, 6,749 bales; previously 27,987 bales.

CORK CORN MARKET, MARCH 27.—Oats, 12s 4d to 15s 7d; wheat and barley not quoted.

DUBLIN CORN EXCHANGE—TUESDAY.

There was a very trifling supply of wheat and barley at our market to-day, and only a moderate one of oats. Wheat must be quoted fully a shilling dearer. The best samples of barley were held for seed, and prices much beyond our quotation. Oats of the best feeding quality were about 3d, and other descriptions supported their prices. Indian corn was in improved demand, at an advance of 6d to 1s.

White wheat,	29s 0d to 32s 0d	Barley,	15s to 21s 0d
Red do.,	28s 6d to 38s 6d	Oats,	12s 0d to 14s 9d
Bakers' flour,	15s 0d to 19s 6d	Oatmeal,	14s 0d to 16s 0d
Indian corn,	32s 6d to 36s 0d		

REVIEW OF THE BRITISH CORN TRADE DURING THE PAST WEEK.

(*From the Mark-lane Express.*)

Another week's more favourable weather has shown its